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Tax breaks are reduced on Jewish school fees

TORONTO —

The Financial Post said in a Page 1 story last week that "for thousands of parents across Canada, much of the federal tax deduction they have been getting for fees paid to schools that provide secular and religious training will disappear."

At present a school that offers both secular and religious training can issue a charitable receipt for tuition fees applicable to the religious training. The formula used by Revenue Canada to determine the appropriate percentage has been generous up to now, the story states. "Where the school received funds from third parties, such as other charities or from people who did not have children in the school, these funds — for accounting purposes — drove down the cost per pupil for secular education, raising the percentage of fees paid for religious education."

If the school, for example, had been able to raise at least 50% of its total funding from such third parties, the story states, "that could mean the full tuition paid would be treated as payment for religious education and a receipt for the full amount would be available."

The story, by Arthur Drache, an Ottawa tax lawyer, quoting "authoritative sources" in Revenue Canada, says that from now on, fees paid will be eligible for a tuition tax deduction "only if the student is in a course normally provided under the school system. This is designed to deny a deduction for any part of fees paid in connection with nursery schools, even if all nursery school teaching is religious in nature."

The story adds that "the net cost of education per pupil will have to be determined. This will be done by subtracting from gross operating costs all revenue received other than from tuition fees paid plus any other contributions from students or parents. The effect of this is to apply third party contributions to both secular and religious education equally."

Revenue Canada will then determine, from the curriculum, the percentage of time spent on religious instruction, the story continues. "While the final formulating of this term has not been settled, it is understood that religious instruction will refer to solely spiritual (as opposed to secular) instruction. Sources indicate that in addition to clearly secular subjects such as mathematics, physical education and the like, **foreign languages will be treated as secular.**"

Treating foreign languages education as secular "is a particularly heavy blow to Jewish schools," says the story, "in that Hebrew often makes up a large part of the educational process. These schools have argued that knowledge of Hebrew is a crucial facet of religious instruction but the argument has been rejected. . . . Sources in Revenue Canada indicated that if the argument had been accepted, the door would have been opened up to treating Latin as a religious subject in Catholic schools, Arabic in Moslem schools and perhaps German in some schools."

The story explains that once the percentage of religious instruction given has been determined, the schools will calculate what percentage of the cost per pupil of education is attributable to secular education. This dollar figure will then be subtracted from fees actually paid and the remainder will be eligible for a charitable receipt.

[AP Wirephoto]

Iosif Mendelevich, 33, is greeted in Vienna, on his way to Israel. Soviets released him after he had already served 11 out of his 12-year term in a labor camp.

Perinatal beds for Mt. Sinai

TORONTO —

Up to 30 perinatal beds will be established at Mount Sinai Hospital, as part of the Ontario government's plan to spend $15 million over the next five years to set up perinatal programs across the province.

Perinatal care refers to the care of the mother before, during and after birth. When Health Minister Dennis Timbrell made the announcement at Mount Sinai last week, he explained that the hospital has the largest number of births of any hospital in Toronto.

Women's College Hospital will receive capital and operating funds this year to expand its approved present 15-bed operation to a 48-bed perinatal unit, Timbrel added.

Both hospitals are located close to the Sick Children's Hospital and the program will allow all three places "to work hand-in-hand as a group," said Timbrell.

The two aspects of the new programs are prevention through the education of women of child-bearing age and treatment of high risk mothers and newborns.

As part of the plan to identify high risk problems early in pregnancy, Timbrel said there will bean emphasis on this in the training of health professionals.

Mayer to move

MONTREAL —

Uri Mayer, the Israeli-trained associate conductor of the Montreal Symphony, has been appointed principal conductor and music director of the Edmonton Symphony orchestra.

He will assume his new position Sept. 1.

DAYS OF TERROR

Worldwide alarm sounded by Russian associates before freedom of Mendelevich is announced

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

From beginning to end, the release of Soviet Prisoner of Zion, Iosif Mendelevich, last week was steeped in secrecy and terror.

Neither his family, friends or supporters ever knew for sure whether he was dead or alive.

In Canada, Genya Intrator, chairman of the Canadian Soviet Jewry Committee, was one of the first to sound the alarm about changes in Mendelevich's status as a Prisoner of Zion.

Intrator's Moscow informants questioned whether the 33-year-old Orthodox Jew who had been 11 years in labor camps and prisons was now alive.

Natalia and Boris Rosenstein, who had been granted the power of attorney to act on Mendelevich's behalf in Russia, phoned Mrs. Intrator in the first week of February with disquieting news. To their usual inquiries about Mendelevich's health, Soviet authorities replied: "We will give information only to the next of kin."

The Rosensteins were worried. And they let their contacts around the world know.

In a matter of three weeks, a legion of ordinary folk, lawyers and the highest echelons of government started making inquiries about the formerly unknown engineering student whose cause now spanned continents.

Mendelevich's name first made world headlines in 1970 when he, along with 33 others, attempted to hijack a Russian airliner to Sweden where it was then planned to board a commercial airline to Israel.

Neither the plot nor the plane got off the ground. Mendelevich, then 22, was brought to Leningrad for trial, along with nine others. He was charged with "conspiracy to steal government property," and sentenced to 15 years in prison and labor camp. Upon appeal, the sentence was reduced to 12 years.

That was 1970. Over the years, concern mounted for his health. As an Orthodox Jew, he suffered deprivation, isolation, starvation, verbal and physical abuse rather than give up rights to be observant.

He looked like a man whose days were numbered.

In December of last year he waged a 3-month hunger strike in protest over prison conditions. Known to have a rheumatic heart and high blood pressure, Mendelevich suffered a severe weight loss which seriously enfeebled him.

When seen last year by a former cellmate Hillel Butman, now living in Israel, Mendelevich was said to be "skin and bones" — weighing no more than about 119 lbs.

It was understandable, then, that the Rosensteins panicked when told by Soviet authorities that only the next of kin could be notified of Mendelevich's health.

To add to their apprehension, in the second week of February, they received a telegram from the administrators at Perm 35 labor camp stating simply: "Iosif is not in camp." Again, nothing more was heard. They called Mrs. Intrator in Toronto.

Intrator, who has been in contact with Rivka Drory, Mendelevich's sister in Israel, gave Drory the latest news.

Drory informed Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin. Soon after Begin told Drory that the Israeli cabinet on Sunday, Feb. 15, resolved to mount a worldwide public opinion campaign to determine the whereabouts of Mendelevich.

In the meantime, Drory, who has worked tirelessly for her brother for 10 years, wasted no time telephoning Soviet groups and lawyers all around the world, all of whom pledged to approach their governments.

In Montreal, Irwin Cotler, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress — and lawyer for Mendelevich as well as other Prisoners of Zion such as Ida Nudel, Anatoly Scharansky and Vladimir Slepak — prepared to contact the Soviet ambassador in Ottawa and Canadian government officials.

Coincidentally, Cotler, along with Intrator and CJC executive vice-president, Alan Rose, were already scheduled to meet in Ottawa with Mark MacGuigan, minister of external affairs, to discuss urgent Soviet Jewry matters on Wednesday, Feb. 18.

On Wednesday, at 8 a.m., Intrator was stunned when she tuned in the BBC news to hear that Mendelevich was being released, and at that very moment was on his way to Vienna.

At about noon that same day, Mendelevich walked down the Soviet Aeroflot ramp at the Vienna airport — a free man.

The media reported that Edgar Bronfman, 51, president of World Jewish Congress and head of the immense Distillers-Seagrams Corporation, had conferred privately with Anatoly Dobrynin, 61, the Soviet ambassador to Washington, and negotiated Mendelevich's release.

Seagrams is a multi-billion dollar empire with holdings in North America, Europe and Far East as well as financial interests all around the world, including the USSR. Dobrynin, a tough veteran of World War II and the Cold War, has been around Washington in a diplomatic capacity since 1952. In 1962, he was appointed ambassador.

What the media didn't know — as only a few did — was that Bronfman, in his capacity as head of the World Jewish Congress, had been in conversation with Dobrynin on many matters for many months.

Amongst the issues discussed were the Refuseniks, dissidents and the Prisoners of Zion.

According to a personal associate of Bronfman's, Bronfman was as surprised as anyone else when the Soviet ambassador suddenly called Feb. 15, and said that if an Austrian visa could be produced for Mendelevich by Feb. 18, the Soviet Jew would arrive on an Aeroflot flight in Vienna at 11.45 a.m.

The man who was directed to meet Mendelevich at the Vienna airport was Israel Singer, American executive director of the World Jewish Congress. Singer, it came out, had also been involved with the talks with Dobrynin.

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ANALYSIS

Sadat's diplomatic surprises: Israelis not happy with them

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Anwar Sadat, Egypt's unpredictable president, has sprung some diplomatic surprises in recent weeks and the Israelis don't like them.

Visiting France and Luxembourg, Sadat dismayed Israel by calling upon Western Europe to press ahead with its Middle East peace initiative. The Europeans, through the medium of the European Economic Community, contend that the PLO should be "associated" with Mideast peace negotiations, and that the Palestinians should have the right to self-determination.

Hosting Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky in Cairo, Sadat urged formation of a Palestinian government-in-exile and declared that, as far as he was concerned, Yasser Arafat would be acceptable to him as its leader.

In Paris, during talks with President Valery Giscard d'Estang, Sadat voiced support for the Camp David process. But, going one step farther than Israel would have preferred, the Egyptian head of state said it was time to build on past gains.

Stressing that the future of the Palestinians was now the main obstacle to a comprehensive settlement, Sadat said Europe should concentrate on solving this problem by backing the Palestinians' right to "self-determination and national dignity."

Sadat said Israel and the Palestinians should be persuaded to accept a formula guaranteeing each other's national rights — balm to the ears of the Europeans.

In his address to the European parliament in Luxembourg, Sadat said a Palestinian entity would pose no threat to Israel. He rejected Jordanian participation in peace negotiations at this stage, saying it would be premature in advance of an agreement on autonomy between Israel and the Palestinians.

Israel welcomed Sadat's profession of adherence to the Camp David accords, but differed with his recommendations on Palestinian self-determination. A spokesman in Jerusalem said they represented a deviation from the Camp David agreements.

Meanwhile, Israel's ambassador to Egypt, Eliahu Ben-Elissar, was furious when transcripts of his conversation with Sadat were leaked. On the eve of his departure to Europe, Sadat reportedly told the envoy he was opposed to an EEC diplomatic initiative.

Neither was Israel pleased when Sadat, in a radical departure from his policy of the last few years, announced in Cairo that he was in favor of a Palestinian 'government-in-exile — a concept he first raised to the Arab League in 1973.

Recently, an Egyptian politician met Arafat and other PLO leaders in Beirut, lending substance to reports that Cairo wished to improve its soured relationship with the Palestinians.

Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, claimed that Sadat's proposal would lead to a Soviet -dominated Palestinian state. Yosef Burg, Israel's chief autonomy negotiator, termed the idea "an absolute contrast and contradiction" to the spirit of Camp David.

Sadat insisted that Camp David "forms the cornerstone" for peace in the Middle East. But his ministers, notably the vice-president, have made it clear that Egypt does not expect tangible progress in the autonomy negotiations before the end of this year because of political developments in Israel and the U.S.

Sadat is said to feel that the Europeans should be encouraged to carry on their initiative for at least two reasons: to fill the void in Mideast diplomacy between now and Israel's election on June 30, and to give the new Reagan administration time to formulate a policy for the region.

Over half million raised in one day of canvassing

TORONTO —

In a uniquely competitive and highly successful canvassing event last week, volunteers from all divisions of the Metropolitan Toronto United Jewish Appeal turned out for a "Sweepstakes Day" marathon — and swept in over a half million dollars in pledges for the 1981 campaign.

With local business and professional men and women taking time off to participate in the event — and bolstered by the efforts of the UJA professional staff — $640,000 was raised, for a 1-day event average of $16,000 in pledges per participant.

Campaign Chairman Jimmy Kay happily noted: "For this time of year, which is historically 'soft' in terms of fund raising — the results were magnificent."

While UJA was the big winner, the day's competitive edge saw a number of volunteers garnering some nifty prizes of their own — thanks to the efforts of Jewelry Division chairman Fred Metter, who rounded up a glittering array of incentive gifts.

The day's Grand Prize winner was H. Wayne Tanenbaum, who earned a quartz wristwatch for his canvassing dynamics. Best team effort was garnered by Sidney Chelsky and Harry Binder.

The day started with an eye-opener breakfast in the Sutton Place Hotel's Chelsea Room, and was followed by a brief address to the volunteers by Ontario attorney-general Roy McMurtry.

The AG earned a stand-up ovation from the assembly as he expressed admiration for the commitment of UJA to community service, and set himself firmly on the side of Israel's continued existence.

Said McMurtry, who has visited Israel three times in the past five years: "The cause of Israel is important to anyone who believes in the democratic standards and principles this tiny country represents."

Close-out to the day's proceedings was at the Charles Diamond residence, where participants gathered for a l'chayim and learned that their single-event efforts had helped boost the 1981 campaign year to 75% of its projected goal.

Said veteran campaign director David Marks: "Today was the single most exciting fund raising event I've ever witnessed. The volunteers — bless 'em — have really made it happen for us this year."

Pro-Israel advisors bypassed

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

President Ronald Reagan's apparent decision to shunt aside several of his more prominent "pro-Israel" advisors during the campaign favor of the more traditional state department "Arabists" is raising doubts about the direction of his Middle Eastern policy.

These concerns were further reinforced by the strong indications that the new administration is about to approve what the Carter administration had not: Saudi Arabia's pressing demand for advanced "offensive" accessories for its 62 F-15 fighter bombers, which are scheduled to start arriving in Saudi Arabia later this year.

Probably the most conspicuous absences from the Reagan administration are Dr. Joseph Churba, the former chief Middle East intelligence expert at U.S. Air Force Intelligence who is now president of the Washington based Centre for International Security, a private group; Prof. Raymond Tanter of the University of Michigan; Prof. Eugene Rostow, the former under secretary of state during the Johnson administration who now teaches at the Yale Law School; and Prof. Robert Tucker of Johns Hopkins University.

Each had worked hard during the campaign; so far, none has been asked to join the administration. Indeed, with each passing day, it becomes increasingly more unlikely that any of these Middle East experts will receive a policy-making job in Washington.

Instead, when President Reagan and Secretary of State Alexander Haig searched for a replacement for Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Harold Saunders, they came up with Nicholas Veliotes, the U.S. ambassador to Jordan. Veliotes, a career state department official, will now become the top Middle East expert under Haig. It was seen as a clear-cut signal to the Arabs that business will continue as normal.

State department officials confirmed that Veliotes suffered from a severe case of "clientitis" during his four years in Amman. His cables to Washington consistently reflected the thinking of King Hussein — to the point that Veliotes actually defended Jordan's decision to reject the Camp David peace accords.

"There's no difference between Saunders and Veliotes," one state department insider commented.

Following Reagan's victory in November, most observers here expected that Richard V. Allen, Reagan's top foreign policy advisor during the campaign and now the national security advisor in the White House, would press to bring Churba into the administration. "He (Churba) is one of our most incisive and skilled military intelligence analysts," Allen wrote last year in the introduction to Churba's latest book, "Retreat from Freedom."

Churba and Allen had been largely responsible for drafting Reagan's famous article in The Washington Post in August 1979 which, for the first time, had the former California governor articulate his appreciation of Israel's "strategic" value to the United States. Churba's Centre for International Security leased space from Allen's Washington office. They worked closely throughout the campaign.

Allen also relied heavily on Tanter, Tucker and Rostow. In fact, Allen told me last summer during an interview that Rostow had emerged as the leading Middle East advisor to Reagan.

But now, Churba has returned to his centre; Rostow to Yale, Tanter to Michigan and Tucker to Johns Hopkins.

Observers here believe that either Allen's power had been so reduced by Haig, Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger and other senior Reagan administration officials that he could no longer deliver — or he was simply unwilling to bring alternative voices into the government.

Hovering over these conspicuous omissions is the move toward approving Saudi Arabia's request for the fuel tanks, bombracks and other advanced accessories for the F-15s. The new state department spokesman, William Dyess, said on Feb. 5 that the Carter administration's written assurances to Congress limiting the offensive punch of these planes are no longer considered binding on the Reagan administration.

Two years ago, when Congress was considering the administration's F-15 package sale, then-Defence Secretary Harold Brown wrote a letter promising that the aircraft would not be fitted with the additional arms.

But late last year, Saudi Arabia began to press Washington for the hardware, insisting that a refusal would lead to a severe strain in U.S.-Saudi ties. President Carter, in the midst of the campaign and warned by 68 U.S. senators against approving the deal, deferred action.

Israel strongly opposes the upgrading of the aircraft. Israeli Ambassador Ephraim Evron raised the matter directly with Haig during their first meeting on Feb. 4. But a day later, spokesman Dyess told reporters that the views of the Brown letter to Congress were not necessarily representative of the new administration.

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Jewish war veterans will honor Ken Taylor

TORONTO —

Canadian diplomat Kenneth Taylor will be the recipient of the first annual citizenship award to be presented by the Toronto Post of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada and the Wingate Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. The presentation will be made on the evening of March 5 at Beth David-B'nai Israel-Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

Taylor, as Canadian ambassador to Iran, was responsible for saving American diplomatic personnel who were in danger of being seized as hostages. Taylor is presently Canadian consul-general in New York.

The presentation will be made by Senator David A. Croll, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada. Others participating in the program are Judge Herbet Levy, Sydney Sears, president of the Wingate Branch and Max Goody, commander of the Toronto Post.

The inscription on the plaque to be presented to Taylor will read . . . "presented to Ambassador Kennet Taylor for distinguished and exemplary service to his country and to mankind. His heroic leadership in the rescue of American diplomats from Iran during the hostage crisis exemplified the highest standards of Canadian citizenship."

The public is invited to the presentation ceremony, which commences at 8 p.m. A reception will follow.

World News

Archeologist thinks he found Hebrew tribes in West Africa

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

In my library stands an odd book which I purchased some 45 years ago. Authored by a certain Joseph J. Williams, it bears the quaint title, "Hebrewisms of West Africa."

In this substantial volume the author traces the origins of many words that he found in Western African languages to distinctly Hebrew roots and expressions. He concludes that at one time either Hebrew traders must have traversed these parts or perhaps there were tribes who adopted Jewish ways. How else to explain a linguistic imprint on many areas of that huge continent?

Rabbi Gunther Plaut

Were there in fact conversions to Judaism? There is at least one man who thinks so. He lives in Western Ghana and his letterhead, emblazoned with a Magen David, proclaims "House of Israel Zion." Aaron Ahomtre-Tokyirifah describes himself as "founder and spiritual head" of congregations located in Kumasi-Ashanti and Sefwi-Wiowso, in the western region of Ghana. He traces his own origins to the Ivory Coast.

In 1965 an article by David Horowitz appeared in the United Israel Bulletin. It was entitled "Archeologist Discovers an Ancient Jewish Tribe in Africa." (Horowitz is a United Nations correspondent and in December was elected president of the United Nations Correspondents Association — UNCA, running against and defeating the Arab correspondent for Al Nahar. He is the first correspondent for an American Jewish newspaper to be elected president of UNCA).

Here is an excerpt from his article.

"An ancient Hebrew tribe known by the name of Peuhle Foullah — independent of the known Falashas residing in the heart of Ethiopia — has been discovered in a number of nomadic settlements all through Western Africa, in Guinea, Nigeria, Ghana, Senegal, the lower Sahara and in various parts of the river Niger. The discoverer of the Jewish tribe is the noted archeologist George Szumowski, who had spent six years in the area unearthing vital data on the origin, religion, language and customs of the Peuhles, convincing him of the tribe's Hebraic origin."

The archeologist produced photographs of men, women and children of the Peuhle tribe, and, according to Horowitz, there was no mistaking the Hebraic characteristics of the individuals. One of his finds showed a wall containing ancient Aramaic-Arabic letters.

Dr. Szumowski recounts how the tribesmen tell stories of their past, how by tradition they are aware that they are descendants of an ancient nation which was rich and numerous, whose history can be traced to biblical times. He learned from them "that their first father was Yakub, the son of Israel, the son of Isaac, the son of Ibrahim." After leaving Canaan their forefathers "crossed the Tor (Sinai) into the land of Miziraim (Egypt) where lived a high ruler Yusuf (Joseph). There they united with other Hebrew tribes and created one big nation which called itself Bnai Israel."

On the basis of the data Dr. Szumowski was able to gather through excavations and through conversations with the Peuhles, he became convinced that not all the Israelites had left Egypt with Moses, that a section remained and in later years this tribe went southward to West Africa, settling along the shores of the Niger river.

It might be well to remember that there is also a strong Jewish tradition which says that not all our people in Egypt left with Moses. For instance, Rashi suggests that only one in five left the country (believing that the others died there).

The leader of the two Ghanian congregations now wants to trace these origins and has been in touch with people in the United States. A friend of mine sent me the correspondence. It makes for fascinating reading and leaves one convinced that there are chapters in Jewish history which have not yet been fully told.

Iran-Iraq war could weaken support

PLO concerned about conflict

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The PLO having gone from strength to strength in recent years, faces a major crisis of confidence as a result of the divisive Iran-Iraq war.

That conflict has split the Arab world into two primary camps — one supporting Iraq, the other, backing Iran — and thereby diminished, temporarily at least, the urgency of the Palestinian issue.

Among Arabs, the Palestinian cause has not been forgotten or abandoned. At the 4-day Islamic conference in Taif, Saudi Arabia, last month, the heads of 37 nations renewed a demand for the liberation of Israeli-occupied areas — a definite plus for the PLO.

But when the meeting broke up, the PLO found itself in almost the identical situation it faced on the eve of the conference: caught between the hammer and the anvil of competing Iranian and Iraqi claims.

PLO leaders, led by Yasser Arafat, are concerned that the war will eclipse their own cause as the central issue in the Middle East, and weaken Arab support for the Palestinians.

Khalid Fahoum, the chairman of the Palestine National Council, the PLO's legislative body, says: "it (the war) has diverted attention from our struggle and if it continues, I am sure it will weaken us."

Consequently, the PLO has made strenuous efforts to mediate the war, which erupted last September after months of tension along the Iran-Iraq frontier.

To the PLO's consternation, its attempts at mediation have come to naught, with unforeseen consequences. Both the Iranians and Iraqis, while appreciating the PLO's disinterest in the war, have criticized Arafat and his senior advisors for not taking sides.

The Iranians, who had established good ties with the PLO following their revolution, have repeatedly expressed the demand that Arafat adopt a firm stand "consistent with justice and against aggression on the Islamic state."

Iraq, which has always supported the Palestinians, has pushed from the opposite corner.

At the same time, Syria — which is on Iran's side — has warned Arafat to keep out of the dispute. Hafez Assad, Syria's president, is reported to have told Arafat that he might jettison his peacekeeping role in Lebanon and lift restrictions the Syrian army has placed on right-wing Christian forces there.

If the Syrians ever carry out their threat, the PLO would have to concentrate on defending its position in Lebanon, distracting it from action against the arch-enemy — Israel.

Confronted by a terrible dilemma, the PLO has gone to inordinate lengths to preserve its neutrality. Salah Khalaf, the PLO's No. 2 man, put it best: "We are not neutral," he said in reply to a question. "We stand with the Iranian people and with the Iraqi people."

While it is true that PLO officials desire to be neutral, they are not as impartial as they would like to believe — and the Iraqis know this with a vengeance.

Cognizant of his dependence on Syrian goodwill in Lebanon, Arafat has moved, somewhat hesitantly, into the fringes of Iran's camp. Thanks to Syrian pressure, the PLO, joined by Lebanon, Libya, Algeria and South Yemen, boycotted last November's Arab summit in Amman, which applauded Iraqi policy.

Iraq fumed. Jordan, the host, noted that the PLO has succumbed to pressure. Iran nodded appreciatively. Last month, in a token of its regard for the PLO's stance, Iran's ambassador to Kuwait announced that his country was prepared to accept the PLO as a mediator in the war.

[Religious News photo]

Yasser Arafat prepares his strategy.

Despite Teheran's approval of the PLO as a possible mediator, the Iranians are not entirely satisfied with the PLO's approach to the conflict in the Persian Gulf region. Arafat refuses to voice unequivocable support for Iran, fearing that such a statement would utterly ruin his relations with Iraq and the Arab nations in sympathy with its war aims.

With the Arab world so fragmented by the war, the PLO can hardly benefit. "We are part of the Arab nation and the Arab nation is facing a bad situation," says Majed Abu Sharar, an advisor to Arafat. "When the situation is bad, we share in it."

Arafat, as anyone else, realizes that the longer the war lasts, the more Israel benefits.

There is another consideration for Arafat to ponder. Saudi Arabia and its Persian Gulf neighbors resent the PLO's ties to Iran's militant Shiite Moslems. Last autumn, these countries imposed a ban on political gatherings by Palestinians and began to enforce strict visa regulations. An estimated 400,000 Palestinians live in the area.

In southern Lebanon, the PLO's only operating base in a country contiguous to Israel, the PLO has run into trouble with Shiite villagers, most of whom gave their tacit support to Palestinian guerrillas until quite recently.

The Palestinians' battle against Israel, which has triggered Israeli reprisal raids, has galvanized Shiite opinion against the PLO. In the final analysis, Shiites don't want to be targets for Israeli artillery, planes and gunboats.

As Arafat tries desperately to mend his quarrel with Lebanon's Shiites, Israel strengthens its relations with the forces loyal to Major Saad Haddad, who controls an enclave in southern Lebanon called Free Lebanon. This cannot but dishearten the PLO.

In spite of the setback, the PLO is not finished. It remains viable, though wracked by crisis. The PLO has weathered catastrophes in the past — the destructive civil wars in Jordan and Lebanon, for example — and it has emerged from each test, albeit somewhat scathed.

In the view of observers, the PLO will probably pass its latest trial. The Palestinian cause, after all, is a sacred one in the eyes of most Arabs. But what price will the PLO pay for the war in the Persian Gulf? That remains the unanswered question at this juncture.

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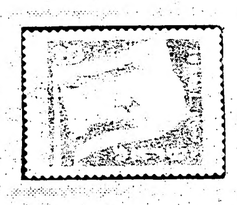
Israel releases postage stamp in memory of PM Golda Meir



stamps

By CHAIM YEHUDA

Israel is releasing a stamp this month in honor of the memory of Golda Meir.

The stamp was designed by M. Krup of Tel Aviv from a portrait by Yvonne Plaut, Camera Press, London. The color is lilac and it's valued at IS2.60. It's printed in sheets of 15 with five tabs, each inscribed with the official emblem of the State of Israel.

Golda Meir (1898-1978) was a pioneer in the development of the Jewish state and served as minister of labor, foreign minister and Prime Minister. She was a central figure in Israel's history for almost 60 years and one of the very few women in the world to reach the highest position in government.

Born in the Ukrainian city of Kiev, where her father was a carpenter, Golda experienced a pogrom at an early age and the memory was seared into her mind. In 1906, the family immigrated to the United States, settling in Milwaukee where they struggled to make a living. Golda became a teacher and joined the Labor Zionist movement.

She emigrated to Palestine with her husband, Morris Meyerson, in 1921. She held a number of posts in the Labor Zionist movement and in 1934 was elected to the Histadrut executive, heading its political department. She found herself at the centre of the difficult negotiations with the British in the period immediately preceding the establishment of the state, having assumed the leadership of the Jewish Agency's political department after Moshe Sharett was imprisoned by the Mandatory authorities.

In David Ben-Gurion's judgment, one of Golda Meir's greatest accomplishments was her successful journey in January, 1948 to enlist U.S. Jewish financial aid for the armed struggle against Arab attack.

Golda Meir's first official post in the government of Israel was that of ambassador to Russia. Her appearance at the Moscow Synagogue on Yom Kippur in 1948 aroused passionate excitement in the masses of Jews who crowded around her.

Elected to the first Knesset in 1949, Golda Meir returned to Israel to become the country's first minister of labor, a post of prime importance in those days of mass immigration. She was appointed foreign minister in 1956 and for nine years was the architect of Israel's relations with the world.

After her retirement from the foreign ministry in 1965, Golda devoted herself to the internal problems of the Labor movement, but she was not to remain outside the government for long. She became the fourth Prime Minister in February, 1969 after the death of Levi Eshkol.

She led the nation firmly and wisely through the problem-laden years of the War of Attrition, the American peace initiative and the traumatic Yom Kippur War.

Resigning in 1974, she continued to be a revered figure during the last four years of her life.

Dr. Shulamit Nardi, writing for the Philatelic Services, states that Golda Meir "fought illness with characteristic courage and when she died on Dec. 8, 1978, she was mourned with an aching sense of personal loss not only by her family, but by the people of Israel and millions elsewhere."

New stamp

It is interesting to note that the first postage stamp portraying Golda Meir was issued by Saint Lucia in 1979. It was part of a set of five stamps in memory of the two late Popes. This set depicts Pope Paul meeting world leaders. One of the stamps shows the Pope shaking hands with Golda Meir while she was Prime Minister at their meeting on Jan. 17, 1973; another of the stamps shows the Pope with Anwar Sadat.

Survey reveals cultural concerns

JERUSALEM (JCNS) —

The Jews of the Soviet Union are considerably more concerned with their Jewishness and retaining that identity than realized.

This is the main finding, just released in Israel, of an unusual private survey conducted by Jewish activists inside the Soviet Union. It was the first such survey ever conducted.

According to the survey, which covered a cross-section of 1,200 Jews all over the Soviet Union and deliberately directed to people who choose to remain there, 85% want to take active steps to retain their Jewish identity.

The survey showed that 95% of the respondents would buy a book on Jewish history, if available and more than 80% expressed interest in a Russian language periodical devoted to Jewish subjects.

The survey is being given broad airing by the Jerusalem Centre for Jewish Community Studies, an independent academic study organization, whose director, Prof. Daniel Elazar says that the survey shows a much greater commitment and depth of interest on behalf of Soviet Jews than had previously been thought. This, he declared, was especially marked in the younger generation of Soviet Jews.

"As in the West, what the children want to forget, the grandchildren want to remember," Prof. Elazar said.

He said the survey means there has to be a reordering of priorities among the Israeli and world Jewish leadership on attitudes towards the future of Soviet Jewry. "Our campaign is to convince the Israeli and world Jewish establishments that more effort must be expanded in responding to Jewish cultural needs in the Soviet Union," Prof. Fain declared.

Differences arise over appointment of rabbi

RIO DE JANEIRO (JCNS) —

Rabbi Yaacov Israel Blumenfeld, the 19-year-old son of Rabbi Yerachmiel Blumfeld, who died in May last year, is seeking to succeed his father as Chief Rabbi of Rio de Janeiro's Orthodox (East European) community.

A student of the Lubavitch Yeshiva in Brooklyn, N.Y., he is supported by the Lubavitch, which is the strongest Chassidic movement in Brazil.

But the leaders of the Chevra Kadisha, which pays the expenses of the rabbinate and has the deciding voice, are opposed to Rabbi Blumenfeld's appointment.

Their candidate is Rabbi Menachem Fink, 35, the son of another former Chief Rabbi of Rio's Orthodox community, Rabbi Yaacov Fink, of Haifa.

Rabbi Fink, the secretary of Rabbi Ovadia Yossef, the Sephardi Chief Rabbi of Israel, returned to Israel in October, 1978, on resigning, after some 15 months, his appointment as minister of the St. John's Wood Synagogue in London. He is a former Chief Rabbi at the Hague in Holland.

Rabbi Fink is reported to be ready to accept the Rio appointment, but only after the differences have been settled.

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Living Halacha

By RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

Question: Can a baby be given the name of a living relative?

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This seems to be one of the differences between our Eastern brothers and the Jews of the West. Our Eastern brethren do name their children for living relatives. To the Jews of the West, this seems very strange. A look at some of the sources may serve to clarify the issue.

In Tractate Shabbas, 134 A, we have an indication that when it was felt that the sage was responsible for saving the child's life, the child would be named in his honor. Here is the way the Gemarra tells it: "Rabbi Nathan said, I once visited the sea-towns and a woman came before me. She had circumcized her first son and he had died, and her second son and he had died; the third she brought before me. Seeing that he was too red, I said to her, 'Wait until his blood is absorbed.' So she waited until his blood was absorbed and circumcized him and he lived; and they called him 'Nathan the Babylonian' after my name.

Rabbi Moses Burak

"On another occasion I visited the province of Cappadocia, and a woman came before me who had circumcized her first son and he had died, and her second son and he had died; the third she brought before me. Seeing he was green, I examined him and saw no covenant blood in him. I said to her, 'Wait until he is full blooded.' She waited, and circumcized him, and he lived, and they called him 'Nathan the Babylonian' after my name." Thus, in those days of long ago, people occasionally named a child for a living sage and saint.

The Midrash Genesis Rabba, Chapter 43:2 tells us that Abraham had 318 men who fought with him to free Lot. All these hundreds of men were his converts, and all of them were given the name Abram in honor of the man who had brought them under the wings of the Shechinah. This is the way the Midrash interprets the word "chanichav." Here again, the name of a living patriarch was given to newborn men.

Tractate Kallah Rabbati, Chapter 3, tells us that when Aaron Ha Cohen, the beloved High Priest, died, there were some 80,000 young men named Aaron who mourned his death. All of these people had been given his name because they would not have been in the world if not for him. When Aaron Ha Cohen made peace between husbands and wives who wanted a divorce, the son born after that peace was named Aaron, for the peacemaker who had kept the family together. Here is yet another case where a living man's name was given to newborn children.

A look at the life of Rabbi Israel of Rizhin ZTL will bring us closer to the modern period. When his sixth son was born, the son who later became the illustrious Husiatiner Rebbe, he gave him a very special name. The Rhiziner had a distinguished and saintly uncle by name of Rabbi Mordechai (Motele) Tchernobler, alive and well at that time. This uncle was 87 years old, a princely man, head of a great dynasty, and the leading rebbe of his day. Rabbi Israel of Rizhin called his youngest son after the name of his living uncle, Mordechai.

How could he do this in the face of the tradition that one doesn't name a child for those still alive? Prof. Aharon Marcus, in his recently republished classic work "Hachasidus" (5740), p. 259, tells us that Rabbi Israel gave this explanation: "My uncle, at age 87, is no longer living in this lower world, but in the world of eternal good. Since he no longer lives in this lowly world, my child could be named for him." But, he took the trouble to add on another name after a deceased grandfather, and the child was known as Mordechai Favish.

Prof. Marcus relates the strange sequel to this story: Rabbi Mordchai Tchernobler died two years later at age 89 on the birthday of his grandnephew Mordchai Faivish Friedman who had been named for him.

So, in naming a child great care must be taken. One does not give the name to the child of kinsmen who died young. Even when giving a name for one who died young in the Holocaust, one adds the name of a relative who lived to a ripe old age.

Israeli Arabs have good life despite contrary claims

By CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

There have been so many politically inspired resolutions of condemnation against Israel, so many fiery denunciations of Israel's alleged cruel policy of repression against the Arabs both within its own borders and in the occupied areas of Judea and Samaria, so much repetition of falsification and manufactured "evidence" which characterize Israel as a monstrous, inhuman tyrant, trampling on Arab right and using torture and brute force in its reign of terror — so much propagandistic repetition of this kind of thing, that the simple and modest truth has been eclipsed.

The wilful enemies of Israel will refuse to believe, those who are fearful of oil boycotts will refuse to listen, and those who have already closed their mind will be unable to hear — but even simple truths must be told. At least for your information and for your guidance, dear reader, here is a quick review of just a few of the highlights of Israeli occupation of the West Bank in the 14 years since the Six Day War of 1967.

First of all, the Arab population of that area, which was 596,000 in 1967, is today over 700,000.

In 1967, under Jordanian rule, there were 141,735 children in school. Today there are 253,826.

In 1967, 37,995 persons had an education which went beyond the ninth grade. Today the figure is 120,500.

Until Israel took over the area following Jordan's attack, the health clinics of the West Bank, of a low medical standard, treated some 42,000 patients a year. In 1979 the clinics administered by Israel's health program took care of 145,000 patients.

Under the Jordan flag only 23.1% of the families of the area had electricity, most of them in the big cities. Today 79.2% of the families have electric power in their homes.

An idea of the extent of economic development can be seen in the fact that whereas in 1967 there was one private automobile for every 300 families, today there are 13 cars.

There have been significant improvements in the nature of Arab society as well. Perhaps this is what Israel's enemies mean when they say that Israel is changing the character of Arab life. Israel pleads guilty to the following changes which have been effected in women's rights:

The law calling for equal education for boys and girls alike is effective only in Israel but nowhere else in the Arab world.

Women both in Israel and on the West Bank have been given the right to vote. Under Israel civil law women have been vested with rights in their husband's property, and in the event of divorce, easily given by the male under Moslem law, Israel law requires that the women have rights to the children and to support.

Under the "harsh and oppressive" Israel government, Arabs in Israel today have a life expectancy of 72 years, the highest of any country in the Middle East. Under the British Mandate it was 47 years in 1941, and 49 years in 1948.

Arabs are not drafted into the Israel army. Security is one consideration. There is another, says Mattityahu Shmuelevitz, director-general of the Prime Minister's office: "We Jews, scattered among the nations, served in the armies of many countries. It often happened that Jews in the service of one land had to fire at Jews on the other side. We remember this tragic state of affairs, and we therefore exempt Israel's Arabs from our army, knowing that they have family, religious and neighborly ties with Arabs living in states which insist on maintaining a state of war with us. And so when Arab youth reach the age of 18 they can continue with their education, or proceed to build their careers or families, while Jewish youth give up there precious years of their life in service to the nation."

The Arabs of Israel have all democratic rights. They can vote and organize political parties and run for public office. They have freedom of expression and freedom of movement and freedom of religion. The only limitations, and these are applied to Jews as well as to Arabs, and in every well-ordered democratic nation, is when these freedoms are abused to menace the public peace or the security of the state.

All of the above and much more can be seen by every person who visits Israel, but in the contemporary climate of our hypocritical world, when hostile forces seek to repeat lies again and again and again, it is necessary for us to repeat truths again and again and again, confident that in the end truth always vanquishes falsehoods.

Shaare Zedek improves pacemaker implant method

JERUSALEM —

A new procedure for re-implantation of cardiac pacemaker wires has been developed by the surgeons of the plastic and maxillo-facial department at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Medical Centre.

Pacemakers implanted in the body of a user are connected to the heart by a wire which passes under the skin surface to the vein. Sometimes the wire breaks through the skin and becomes exposed. This may lead to dangerous infection and in some cases necessitates the implantation of another pacemaker, hospital officials state.

The Shaare Zedek surgeons say they have succeeded in threading the cardiac wire through the clavicle. In the new procedure, a small opening is drilled in the bone and the wire pulled through it. A small silicone tube is inserted in the bone opening to insure free movement of the wire and to prevent the closing of the aperture.

The doctors state that "all operations performed with the new technique have been successful."

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Parliamentary committee reactivated to work on behalf of Soviet Jewry

By SUSAN LAZARUS

OTTAWA —

After a lapse of several years, an ad hoc parliamentary committee on Soviet Jewry has been reactivated under the chairmanship of Ontario MP David Smith Don Valley East.

Committed "to working on behalf of Soviet Jews," the committee met for the first time last week at a dinner attended, as well, by Canadian Jewish Congress executive-president Alan Rose, Genya Intrator, chairman of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, and Martin Penn, director, CCSJ.

MPs on the reactivated bi-partisan parliamentary committee include Flora MacDonald former Conservative external affairs minister, Solicitor-General Bob Kaplan and former Conservative minister of sports and fitness Steve Paproski.

The parliamentary committee is also planning to establish an all-party steering committee headed by B.C. MP John Fraser (Vancouver). Quebec MP J. Roland Comtois (Terrebonne) has agreed to represent French Canada on the steering committee.

Plans for the committee, says Penn, include:

• Establishing regular visits with the Soviet ambassador to Canada.

• Having parliamentarians take on cases of specific Soviet Jews.

• Monitoring Soviet compliance of the Helsinki Accords — specifically vis-a-vis Soviet Jews.

• The strict monitoring of Canada-USSR bilateral relations in an attempt to ensure that the issue for human rights with regard to Soviet Jews be raised at every opportunity.

"The main purpose of the committee is to try and create a linkage between Soviet and Canada-USSR relations," Penn explained.

Although such a committee has existed in the past, Soviet Jewry, for the past couple of years, has fallen under the auspices of the parliamentary committee on the Helsinki Accords, chaired by Ontario MP Charles Caccia (Davenport).

It was felt, however, that a commitee dealing specifically with Soviet Jews was advisable at this time, Penn said.

At the first meeting, the committee was briefed on the history of the CCCJ, the problems faced by Soviet Jews, Soviet responsibilities towards the Helsinki accords and the recent Madrid conference.

Flora MacDonald, who spoke briefly at the meeting noted that "one must be very strong when dealing with the Soviets, and one must not back down.

"Although we cannot receive an immediate response from the Soviets, constant pressure will ultimately bring results."

The next meeting of the committee will take place in mid-March.

Socialist leaders to meet

JERUSALEM (JNI via CZF) —

Socialist International leaders from 50 countries will meet here in June, 18 days before the Israeli elections, Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres announced last week.

Calling the Socialist convention "blatant interference in the Israeli election process," Likud spokesmen said the visit of European leaders with "controversial attitudes" towards Israel would hurt Labor's chances. But the Labor Party maintains the conference is a "supportive gesture" for Labor's Knesset campaign.

Nick Simmonds to be CICC executive director

TORONTO —

Nick Simmonds has been appointed executive director of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce, according to an announcement made last week by the president, Phil Granovsky.

Nick Simmonds

Simmonds' most recent position was with the Ontario ministry of industry and tourism as manager of editorial and information services. Prior to that, he was director of communications with the Canada-Israel Committee.

In making the announcement, Granovsky said that "Nick has the right combination of experience and imagination to give the organization a boost and open up new opportunities for Canada-Israel trade."

Simmonds said he hopes to take a new approach to Canada-Israel economic and trade issues. This approach, he added, "will involve a concentration on those sectors in which there is a realistic potential for increasing bilateral trade, instead of a largely unfocused, across-the-board effort."

He said opportunities for trade in science-based industries are "substantial." The Chamber, he added, "is very interested in promoting a Canada-Israel research and development agreement and there are some indications that Ottawa may be willing to move in that direction."

Simmonds has an MA in international relations from Sussex University in England and a BA in politics and international relations from Hebrew University.

He is married and has two children.

Gittel Tatz named executive director of women's UIA

TORONTO —

Gittel Tatz has been appointed national executive director of the Women's Division of the United Israel Appeal of Canada.

Mrs. Tatz, whose appointment was announced by Simone Goldberg, national president of Women's Division, assumed her new position in Toronto in January.

Mrs. Tatz was executive director, Eastern Canada, for the Jewish National Fund, based in Montreal, from August 1978. From October 1973 she served as executive assistant of the Ottawa Jewish Community Council and at the same time was director of women's and public service division of the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa. Mrs. Tatz was co-ordinator of Congregation Machzikei Hadas in 1972-73.

Prior to that and from the time she arrived in Ottawa from Providence R.I. in 1949, Mrs. Tatz worked in a myriad of capacities on a volunteer basis, with most of her activity in the Jewish community. Major positions held by Mrs. Tatz include service as president of the Ottawa Council of Hadassah-WIZO and the Ottawa section of the National Council of Jewish Women.

Gittel Tatz

Mrs. Tatz is married to Martin Tatz of Ottawa. They have two children and two grandchildren.

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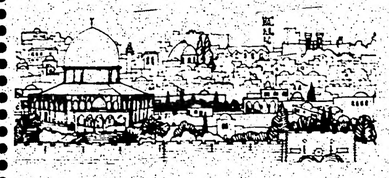

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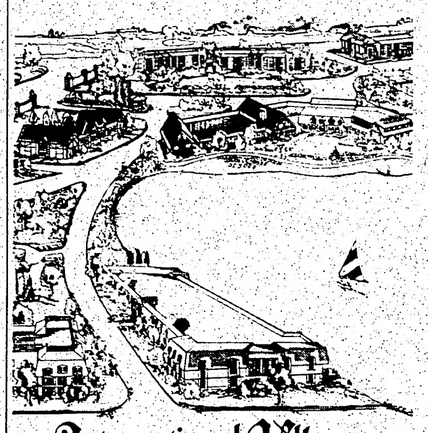

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Voice of the people

As we sift the news releases which cross our desk daily, we often wonder if the many protests, demonstrations and mass rallies about which we are informed are worth the effort. While we admire the sincerity and persistence of those involved, we sometimes ask ourselves: why?

And then, as it did last week, comes a phone call from Canadian Jewish Congress president Irwin Cotler, with the exciting news: Mendelevich is free and on the way to Israel. And we realize that mass protest is, indeed, a most effective method of getting action — even though it takes time.

According to press reports, it was World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman who concluded the negotiations with the Russians to free Mendelevich. But there is no doubt that the continuing worldwide efforts and protests on behalf of Soviet Jewry paved the way for his ultimate release.

There are many reasons advanced as to why Russia decided at this time to appease the Jews. One theory has it that it was a move to make a good impression on other Communist parties of the world, which are now meeting in Moscow for a Communist congress, held every five years. The argument goes that Russia can't do much right now about Poland and Afghanistan — but it can do something about its dissident Jews.

Another theory is that this is a signal to the U.S. that Russia is concerned about President Reagan's tough talk on U.S.-Soviet relations and wants to mend fences.

No matter what the reason, let's rejoice that Jews of the world have a voice — a voice which Russia has been forced to listen to. Let's keep hammering away at Russia and all those others who deny Jews their human rights!

Emanuel Celler

Emanuel Celler, who died recently at 92, was one of the longest-serving congressmen in the U.S. House of Representatives. His career spanned 50 years and eight presidents, a record few will match.

But Celler, who represented Brooklyn, was not just known for his longevity. For many years, he was chairman of the judiciary committee. And in this role he performed magnificently. In 1957, he wrote and shepherded into law the first comprehensive legislation enacted by Congress in 82 years. Three years later, he played a dominant part in passing the Civil Rights Act.

In perhaps his most noteworthy achievement, Celler guided to passage for President Lyndon Johnson the historic 1964 civil rights bill. It passed by a margin of 290 to 130. The House gave him a standing ovation. Celler responded: "I feel like I've climbed Mount Everest."

The 1964 legislation struck a blow for civil rights which reverberates to this day. It established norms which enabled oppressed minorities, particularly Blacks, to compete in the marketplace on as equitable a basis as was possible under the prevailing circumstances.

A brash, bouncy man who mellowed over the years, Celler was from the start a liberal. He supported the major New Deal and Fair Deal programs, and he was among the small band that opposed the McCarthyist hysteria of the House Un-American Activities Committee. Celler scored high on the liberalism ratings compiled by the Americans for Democratic Action.

He was a graduate of the Columbia Law School, and practiced his profession for a decade before being elected to the House of Representatives. When he took his place in the chamber, Celler was 34, and Warren Harding was president.

Celler's long career was cut short in 1972 when Elizabeth Holtzman, then an unknown, defeated him in a Democratic primary. (She went down to defeat last year when she unsuccessfully contested the senate seat of Jacob Javits).

Celler, an ardent supporter of Israel, was certainly one of the most influential New Yorkers who served in the House of Representatives. But power didn't go to his head. He was as human as the next guy.

In a jocular moment, he once summarized the qualities a successful congressman must possess. He must be as friendly as a child, as enthusiastic as a teenager, as assured as a college boy, as diplomatic as a wayward husband, as curious as a cat, and as humorous as an idiot.

Vintage Celler.

Diary of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

Feb. 27 marks the date in 1868 that Benjamin Disraeli became Prime Minister of England.

Although baptized at age 13, Disraeli never ceased to proclaim his sympathy with the Jewish people, even when the opposite might have been more politically expedient.

He was instrumental in granting Jews political equality in England, and helped pave the way for Zionism. At the same time, his purchase of the Suez Canal and insistence on England continuing as a colonial power contributed heavily to her subsequent reluctance to leave the Middle East.

A dispute with London's Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue led Isaac D'Israeli, a financially independent free-thinker, to bring his son to the Church of England. The younger Disraeli first caught London's attention with the publication of a number of satirical novels on political society; he was 22 when the first of these appeared.

A visit to Jerusalem sparked his Jewish interest; the rest of his 3-year tour of Turkey and the Middle East molded what was to become British foreign policy until well after World War II.

Disraeli was elected to the House of Commons as a Conservative, in 1837. At first he was met with suspicion and hostility. His achievements as a novelist and his political philosophy — to make the Tories representative of the working class as well as the aristocracy — were atypical of his party's membership. His Jewish origins, harped upon openly by his enemies, did not help him. But his energy, oratorical abilities, ambition and frankness soon earned him widespread respect.

Rather than hide his Jewish origins, Disraeli proclaimed them with pride. In his speeches and novels, Disraeli again and again pointed out the contributions of Judaism to legal thought and to the development of the European states and Christianity in particular. England was deeply indebted to Jews for many reasons, he said.

Disraeli's outspoken attacks on reactionaries in Parliament led to the admission in 1858 of Baron Lionel de Rothschild. Rothschild, along with David Salomons, previously the first Jewish mayor of London, had been repeatedly elected to the House of Commons; but each time, their seats were denied them. In earlier years English Jews pressed for the admission of Catholics to Parliament; their own exclusion now came as a shock.

The fact that Rothschild belonged to the Liberals did not dampen Disraeli's efforts on his behalf. Jewish statesmen and politicians in England owed him no small measure of thanks.

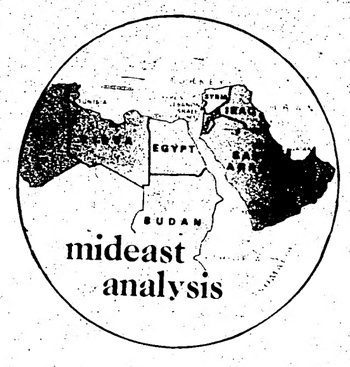
In 1852, Disraeli became chancellor of the exchequer under Lord Derby. As leader of the Commons, he extended the vote to the working class, in 1867. With Derby's resignation in 1868, Disraeli became Prime Minister. A decisive Tory victory in 1874 led him to resume his post for another six years.

Prime Minister Disraeli stressed the importance of Britain's role as world policeman and advocated the strengthening of its presence, particularly in the Middle East and India. He purchased the Suez Canal from Egypt in 1875, with the financial aid of the Rothschilds. This was to have direct repercussions for Jews until at least the Suez war of 1956, as Britain tried its utmost to remain in the area.

A strong Zionist trend, that Jews are linked to the Holy Land, runs through all of Disraeli's novels. It and his outspoken pro-Jewish sentiments helped prepare the ground for the initial Zionist sympathies of part of the British ruling class, and encouraged later Zionist efforts.

The actions of fellow European ruler Otto von Bismarck allow for a perspective on Disraeli's strong pro-Jewish stance. When attempts to blame Catholics for an economic debacle failed, the chancellor of Prussia blamed his country's Jews instead and instantly gained wide support. As both a politician and a convert to Christianity, Disraeli differed considerably from the norm.

Iraqis fail to win a decisive victory in a war that has eluded mediation



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The war between Iran and Iraq, now approaching its sixth month, has developed into a classic stalemate with no clear end in sight.

Iraqi forces occupy Iranian territory, but Iran is hardly vanquished. Barring a dramatic political settlement, the war may drag on interminably, sapping the strength of each side, further dividing the already splintered Arab world and benefiting Israel.

As 1981 unfolded, the full dimensions of the deadlock were apparent to anyone following the sputtering conflict.

On Jan. 4, Iraq's defence minister boasted that his country had won the war. "We have realized almost all our objectives and the myth of Iranian hegemony has ended forever. We have trimuphed over them in the battlefield."

No sooner were these reckless words uttered when Iran launched a fierce counterattack. Iran announced the annihilation of three Iraqi battalions, the capture of 2,000 prisoners and the destruction of hundreds of tanks and armored vehicles. The communique was a study in exaggeration. The Iranians had dealt punishing blows to the enemy, but no more than that.

In the opinion of observers, Iran's counter offensive was only marginally successful for reasons that have plagued its forces since the start of the war.

Experts contend that Iran lacks a coherent battle plan and good communications between forward troops and headquarters. And political instability in Teheran, the capital, virtually dooms any Iranian campaign against Iraq.

Iraq occupies a third of oil-producing Khuzistan province, a slice of Kurdistan and pockets of land in the north. Among the cities the Iraqis hold or encircle are Khurramshahr, Susangird, Abadan and Ahwaz, populated in the main by ethnic Arabs whose loyalty to Iraq is somewhat questionable.

Despite these gains, Iran is not about to capitulate to Iraq, which has committed 12 divisions to the war effort.

Iran's premier, Mohammed Ali Rajai, has forbidden his diplomats to negotiate a settlement until Iraq withdraws all its troops from Iranian territory and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein admits he was the aggressor. Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the spiritual leader, has ordered Iranian troops to fight until "total victory."

If the Iranians really believe the Iraqis will submit to their demands, they are deluding themselves.

"We do not want to go back to the same situation that preceded the war," says Iraq's foreign minister, Saadun Hamadi.

Saddam Hussein, who has staked his secular Ba'athist throne on the outcome of the war, asserts that "a solution must be based on the recovery of territorial and offshore rights Iran has usurped by force."

In practical terms, Iraq wants to regain total sovereignty over the Shatt al Arab estuary flowing into the Persian Gulf, and small areas of land along the border to the north. Iraq also claims three tiny, but strategically-situated, Persian Gulf islands seized by the late shah from a powerless sheikdom.

These constitute Iraq's official war aims. Unofficially, Iraq seeks to contain, weaken, and, if possible, destroy Ayatollah Khomeini's Shia revolution, whose impact on the large Shia population of Iraq is regarded by Saddam Hussein as a dangerous threat to his rule.

The Iraqi president, as well, hopes to win a measure of autonomy for the Arabs of Khuzistan, who, so far, have not heeded his call to revolt.

Finally, by subduing the Iranians, he wants to boost his own stature as the natural successor to Egypt's Gamal Abdul Nasser, who held Arabs in thrall for close to two decades. Concomitantly, Hussein wishes to establish Iraq as the leading military power in the Persian Gulf region.

Resisting, the Iranians are doing their incompetent utmost to thwart Hussein's ambitions.

The Iranian air force, bedevilled by an acute shortage of spare parts, has caused serious damage to Iraq's refineries, according to Israeli intelligence. Iranian Phantoms have even hit Iraq's nuclear reactor, built by the French. (Iraq accuses the Israelis of bombing the facility. Israel denies the charge.)

On land, Iran has not been as adept. But analysts credit Iran's revolutionary guards, who are strongly devoted to the Islamic regime in Teheran, with amazing determination and tenacity in the face of superior Iraqi armor.

For their part, the Iraqis have not exactly distinguished themselves. They've been unable to co-ordinate the movement of their ground troops with that of their air force — a prerequisite in modern warfare — and the success they've enjoyed is actually a function of Iran's blundering ways.

In an attempt to avoid high casualties, Iraq has eschewed frontal assaults, preferring to confine itself to artillery fire aimed at obliterating Iranian troop concentrations.

In spite of its timid tactics, Iraq has suffered, losing up to 7,000 men since the outbreak of hostilities on Sept. 22. According to the best estimates, Iraq has lost 300 of its pre-war tank force of 2,700 and one-third of its combat planes.

France has shipped Iraq a few Mirage jets, and Saudi Arabia reportedly has sent U.S.-manufactured military equipment via Jordan. But the Soviet Union, Iraq's main supplier until recently, has imposed an arms embargo.

Iran has had higher casualties, but its population is at least three times as big as that of Iraq. Because of a dearth of spare parts, the Iranians have cannibalized aircraft and tanks. U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, in his first press conference recently, said Washington would provide no spares for Iran's American-equipped army and air force.

At the time of the Iranian takeover of the U.S. embassy in Teheran, Iran had about $550 million in a trust fund in the United States for the purchase of spare parts. Last October, President Jimmy Carter pledged to give the Iranians their spares if they released the 52 hostages.

Haig, speaking for the Reagan administration, has declared: "Let me state categorically: There will be no military equipment provided to the government of Iran, either under earlier obligations and contractual arrangements, or as yet unstated requests."

With both sides apparently running short of equipment and ammunition, the prospect for a political settlement increases. But this war does not lend itself to simple mediation. It has solidified into a war of attrition — a test of endurance, with each side doggedly awaiting the other's internal collapse.

The area where Iran and Iraq have been fighting their war [New York Times map]

Iraq is said to have $35 billion in foreign bank accounts, and Iraqi leaders say it is sufficient to run the country for two years with zero income. Indeed, Iraq's foreign minister, in an unusual admission, has conceded that the war will go on indefinitely.

Numerous attempts by third parties — the Swedes, the Pakistanis, the Saudis, the PLO — to mediate have floundered, despite Iraq's repeated assurances that it's prepared to return the bulk of Iran's occupied areas.

The war, for the Iraqis and the Iranians, has become a crusade.

Iranian war broadcasts portray the conflict as one pitting Islam against the "infidel, atheistic" regime in Baghdad. In Iraq, the "racist Persians," led by the "black magician" (Khomeini), are seen as the enemy.

Of late, Iraq, in a bid to bolster public opinion at home and to cultivate new allies in the Arab world, has said it is engaged in a holy war to "defend the ideals" of the prophet Mohammed.

Their propaganda messages have one thing in common. Each country says the other is a tool of American or Zionist imperialism — a strange accusation, considering the impeccable anti-American and anti-Zionist credentials of Saddam Hussein and Ayatollah Khomeini.

In reaction to Hussein's appeals, most Arabs have thrown their support to Iraq. But Syria and Libya have cast their lot with Iran, thereby splitting the facade of Arab unity. The PLO, straining to observe a modicum of neutrality, has been assailed by the combatants.

Moscow, which has had good relations with Iraq in the past, is trying mightily to maintain a neutral stand as a way of currying favor with Iran, no longer dominated by the U.S.

Washington bears ill will against Iran, for obvious reasons, but the U.S. perceives no advantages to be gained by the emergence of a super-strong Iraq.

If presented with a hypothetical choice, Israel would prefer to see Iraq defeated, since Baghdad represents the greater of two evils. Some observers, however, argue that Israel is best served by a military deadlock which drains Iraq and Iran.

In any event, the war, to date, has been in Israel's interests, since it has opened a deep wound in the Arab body politic. But today's advantage may be tomorrow's disadvantage, in the view of Zvi Zamir, former head of the Mossad. At a Hebrew University symposium, Zamir noted that a long war would lead to a deeper Soviet penetration of the area.

For Saddam Hussein, the architect of the war, a protracted conflict may be just as hazardous.

If the Iraqi army gets truly bogged down, as it seems to be at this juncture, Hussein could be toppled from his perch. Two additional dangers face the Iraqi president: (one), the Shiite community in Iraq could revolt, as Mattityahu Peled, a retired Israeli general, points out in New Outlook Magazine; and (two), the Kurds could exploit Iraq's preoccupation with Iran.

A clever politician, Hussein is perfectly aware of the potential perils. So in recent months, he has stepped up efforts to accelerate the appearance of normalcy in Iraq.

He has begun pressuring foreign contractors to return their employees — some 20,000 — to uncompleted industrial development projects. He has reopened most universities, cut down on militaristic war propaganda, loosened civil defence regulations in the cities and filled shops with more consumer goods than were available prior to Sept. 22.

If Iraq presents a picture of unity and stability in prosecuting the war, Iran does not.

Factions loyal to President Bani-Sadr, the commander of the armed forces, and Premier Mohammed Ali Rajai, continue to use the conduct of the conflict as a stick with which to beat each other.

The feuding has assumed such monstrous proportions that Ayatollah Khomeini, the supreme immam, has intervened.

"You want to destroy the country," he said in an impassioned speech. "The nation must not listen to those who are arguing against each other and must condemn those who are weakening each other."

Urging patience, he added: "A war one day means advancing and another day withdrawing."

Compounding Iran's difficulties is its perennial Kurdish problem. Last week, the disaffected Kurds were reported locked in renewed fighting with the Iranian army. The Kurds seek autonomy, a concept Iran rejects for the moment.

As in Iraq, the Kurds might well succeed in tying down sizeable Iranian forces, which could otherwise be deployed on the Iraqi front.

The Iraqis would not greet such a development with equanimity. A Kurdish rebellion could just as well break out in Iraq, and prolong a war which Saddam Hussein hoped he could win in several weeks of blitzkreig.

Cairo shul reconsecrated

LONDON (JCNS) —

The Great Synagogue in Cairo, in Adli Pasha St., is to be reconsecrated on March 28 in the presence of President Sadat.

The synagogue has been under reconstruction for nearly two years under the auspices of the World Sephardi Federation. Leon Tamman, the British chairman of the WSF, is chairman of the renovation committee of the synagogue.

The reconsecration service will be performed by the Sephardi Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rabbi Ovadia Yossef, and the Haham, Dr. Solomon Gaon.

Besides President Sadat and the entire Egyptian Jewish community, it is hoped that the ceremony will be attended by Nissim Gaon, president of the World Sephardi Federation, and two Israeli ministers — David Levy and Aharon Abu-Hatzeira.

Members of the Egyptian cabinet will also attend the service and a large British delegation will be there. The dedication service is being organized by David Avayou, WSF executive director.

Being minority leads to anti-semitism

By J. B. SALSBERG

Once again the Jewish world is being alerted by its leaders to a rising wave of anti-semitism in many parts of the world.

To protect us from the ill effects of the regenerated menace, our world leaders are now assembling all experts in this tragic, age-old sphere of Jewish experience and instructing them to study the precise nature of the 80s virus and to bring forth immunization serums to protect us, and the world at large, from the deadly effects of the threatening epidemic.

In his column a week ago, Rabbi Gunther Plaut, who attended the recent plenary session of the World Jewish Congress, informed us of the decisions made there relative to the mounting evidence of anti-semitic propaganda and acts of violence against Jews and Jewish institutions.

Because I cannot quarrel with the World Jewish Congress' estimation, emphasis and decision with respect to this serious problem, my frustrated reaction was an outcry that I'm sick and tired of being kept collectively responsible for most of the ills of this world.

My outcry reflects a deep-seated belief that basically, after all other causes are subtracted, the cause of our sufferings from the scourge of anti-semitism is the minority status we occupy in the lands where we live.

But the correction of this historic anomaly is a terribly long, tortuous, frustrating and, as Israel found, also a disappointing and heartbreaking process.

In the meantime: The Soviet Union, the originator of the Zionism equals racism slogan, continues to befoul the air and the printed domain with the propaganda and "learned works" that can successfully compete with the worst Czarist anti-Jewish tirades.

In the meantime: The UN General Assembly is demeaned by a speech of Jordan's ambassador in which he says: "People like Lord Rothschild, every day, in iron-clad secrecy, decide to flash around the world how high the price of gold should be on any particular day." Nor did that brewer of anti-semitic poison forget the U.S. He continued: "Indeed, in the United States itself, which has a national income of upwards of $2,000 billion per annum, and while millions of hard-working, Godfearing Americans are unemployed, the Zionists own a lion's share of that great abundance."

In the meantime: The current issue of the Canadian Zionist brings shattering extracts from two statements issued by the B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League about the Jews in France at the beginning of the 80s.

Since the mid-70s there had been hundreds of attacks on Jews, Jewish places of business, Jewish institutions etc. In 1980, we are informed, "in those 12 months alone, there were 122 bombings, fires and assaults all over France — half of these in Paris."

After the bombing of the synagogue on rue Copernic (on Simchat Torah eve, Oct. 3, 1980) the non-Jewish storekeepers on the street brought their bills for the shattered windows (caused by the murderous explosion) to the synagogue for payment . . . And, when the rabbi of the targeted synagogue went to the hospital to visit some of the non-Jewish victims of the bombing, "he was viciously insulted by members of the nursing staff, who blamed him and his congregation for the wounds inflicted on their innocent French patients."

In the meantime: The 30,000 strong "Landsleit" community of Cleveland (non-Jewish, of course) is planning a public demonstration to protest the U.S. government's prosecution of a brutally sadistic Nazi collaborator who is charged with the commitment of unspeakable crimes against Jewish inmates of a notorious death camp during the war. His landsleit are asking the president of the U.S. to stop the prosecution.

Well, I think that Rabbi Plaut is right in warning against hysteria. True, that we are nowhere facing the threats of the 30s, when Hitler came to power in Germany. But, the gnawing question remains. Why the new upsurge of anti-semitism? Why the revival of terrorism against Jews in such a country as France?

Of course, the active, militant French anti-semites and their terrorist units are a small minority of the French population. And, of course, it was encouraging to find that all French political parties of the left, as well as the trade unions, joined the Paris Jews in the massive protest demonstration after the synagogue bombing. **But the political right was dragging its feet and one would be justified in thinking that aside from sympathy with Parisian Jewry, the political left and the unions were also responding to the threat of neo-Nazism to themselves . . .**

So I still repeat my assertion that the quintessential reason for the age-old, anti-semitic onslaughts against us is the minority status that we occupy wherever we live. We are the ever-present scapegoat for the contending forces within the nations.

Is that a naive, a simplistic theory? (And it is not a new one.) Am I ignoring the other types of anti-semitism?

No, it is not a simplistic approach and I am not ignoring all the variants of anti-semitism, as I hope to explain a week hence.

'A pension is a right,' says former naval captain

Solomon disburses millions to war veterans

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

OTTAWA —

Let's call him John Doe or Joe Schwartz. He was wounded or maimed in an obscure battle during World War I. Or, perhaps, he was killed in a skirmish in the course of the Korean War.

However the fortunes of war may have treated him, John and Joe, or their widows, have no need to worry about money. They have won cash for life, thanks to a bureaucratic big brother.

The benefactor is the government of Canada, and the agency that actually doles out the disability, or death benefit, is called the Canadian Pension Commission. Its chairman for the last 10 years has been Allan Solomon, a 66-year-old veteran of the armed forces.

"A pension is a right," says Solomon, who was the first Jewish captain in the Canadian navy. "The country owes him something. We act like an insurance company. His premium was service to Canada."

War disability compensation, he adds in an interview, is not based on financial need, but only on impairment. "At the same time, it must be enough so that the pensioner with no other income will have enough for a decent standard of living."

This year, the Canadian Pension Commission will disburse $540 million to 140,000 veterans, 2,500 of whom are women. The recipients fought in two world wars and the Korean conflict. They were members of United Nations peacekeeping forces. They were servicemen wounded or killed in peacetime. They were interned in prisoner-of-war camps.

"We also look after a handful of widows — maybe five — of soldiers who took part in the 1899-1902 Boer War in South Africa, of survivors of the 1917 Halifax harbor explosion and of RCMP troopers hurt or killed in the line of duty."

Of the 140,000 pensioners, 7,000 reside outside Canada — Canadians or foreign nationals who served in Allied armies but who lived in Canada when war erupted.

"There's a good smattering of Jewish names in the list of 140,000," he says.

In terms of numbers, most of the pensioners — 110,000 — are of World War II vintage. In 1961, 190,000 veterans were getting Canadian Pension Commission checks — a figure not likely to be equalled unless Canada goes to war again.

Barring another war, the commission expects to be in business until the year 2030 or so. "We'll have a considerable number of people to look after for at least the next 30 years," says Solomon — a friendly, expansive man who cares deeply for his charges.

"There's no doubt I've been able to function well as chairman because of my experiences in the armed forces," he explains. "You've got to have an understanding and feel of what happened. It's very important to have military experience of some sort to know what it's all about."

On Parliament Hill

The Canadian Pension Commission is an independent quasi-judicial body operating under the amended Pension Act of 1919, and reports to Parliament through the minister of veterans affairs. "A minister can't tell us which decisions to make or what claims to hear," he remarks.

Consisting of up to 14 members, the commission employs 47 doctors across the country — not to mention consultants — who decide who gets what and how much.

"Doctors are guided by a table of disability," Solomon explains. A blinded veteran, for example, is considered 100% disabled. If he is totally deaf, his disability is 80%. If he has minor hearing problems, he has a 10% rating.

A single veteran disabled to the tune of 100% receives $811.46 of non-taxable income every month. If he's married or living in a common-law relationship, he gets $1,114. For each child, an additional amount of 13% is added.

If the serviceman was killed in action, his widow gets $608 per month, and $973 if she has two children to support.

Canada, Solomon claims, has one of the world's best war pension plans. "We've traditionally thought a lot of our veterans and we've taken good care of them. Veterans are held in high respect, unlike the ones in the U.S. who fought in the Vietnam war."

Although some 30 years have elapsed since Canada's last war involvement, 8,000 new claims are filed annually by veterans who either didn't apply in the first place, or who are just beginning to feel the effects of their injuries.

In this category, the most common ailments are hearing and neuro-psychiatric problems and arthritis, heart, back and stomach conditions. "Our task is to determine whether a disability is the result of war service, or whether it is purely a function of aging."

In addition, the commission reopens the dossiers of approximately 13,000 pensioners each year in an attempt to find out whether anyone's benefits should be increased. "We'll increase 4,000 of those on the grounds that their condition has grown worse."

Ten years ago, the Pension Act was amended to accommodate veterans whose bids for pensions were rejected for one reason or another. "We had a widow who had been turned down for a final time back in 1927," he discloses. "She got a pension after we heard her appeal."

Hardly anyone, he says, has cheated the commission. "Very few people have tried to pass off aging to a war disability. In the main, we find people are extremely honest."

Not everyone, of course, is happy with the compensation package judged to be fair by the commission. "There are always veterans who want more. They can appeal their case," he says.

Occasionally, an aggrieved veteran will go to extreme lengths to redress his grievance. "Some phone me at 3 in the morning, and we get cranks who threaten to shoot us if they don't get satisfaction."

Solomon elaborates.

Several years ago, a man in Vancouver phoned the Canadian Pension Commission and told the operator he would commit suicide within 48 hours if his allowance wasn't raised.

Solomon took the call and defused a potentially tragic situation.

Sometimes, it doesn't end so well. A commission doctor was gunned down by a veteran in Ottawa some years back. "It was the first and, hopefully, the last time."

Solomon, who enjoys his job immensely, was born in Winnipeg, the son of a Romanian tailor who arrived in Canada in 1901. His mother, Molly Katz, was a native of Russia.

The family settled in Dauphin, Man., where Solomon received his early education. In Dauphin, populated largely by Ukrainians, Solomon's father, Samuel, was a mover and a shaker. He was a council member, deputy mayor and a founder of the library.

Samuel Solomon and his wife had three children in all, including Marsha (Palmer), who lives in Ottawa, and Ernest, a research chemist and oil company executive who is now deceased.

Their second son, Allan, obtained degrees in arts and law from the University of Manitoba, and in public administration from Carleton. He practiced law in the small community of Swan River. "I left Dauphin in 1940 and I've only seen it once since," he says. "I keep promising myself I'll go back."

In 1942, Solomon joined the navy. "Very few Jewish boys did," he notes. "It had a reputation for being anti-semitic. I never experienced anti-semitism. Maybe I was lucky. People in contact with me had great respect for me and I had great respect for them."

During the war, he served in St. John's, Ottawa, Halifax and London. Except for several short sea voyages, Solomon spent those years as a landlubber. "I loved the sea but I didn't go often."

Unlike the majority of his contemporaries, Solomon made a career in the armed forces, reaching the rank of captain (equivalent to that of a full colonel in the army). When the war wound down, he was appointed secretary to the Canadian Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee. Then he held posts on the Naval Board of Canada and the defence committee of the cabinet.

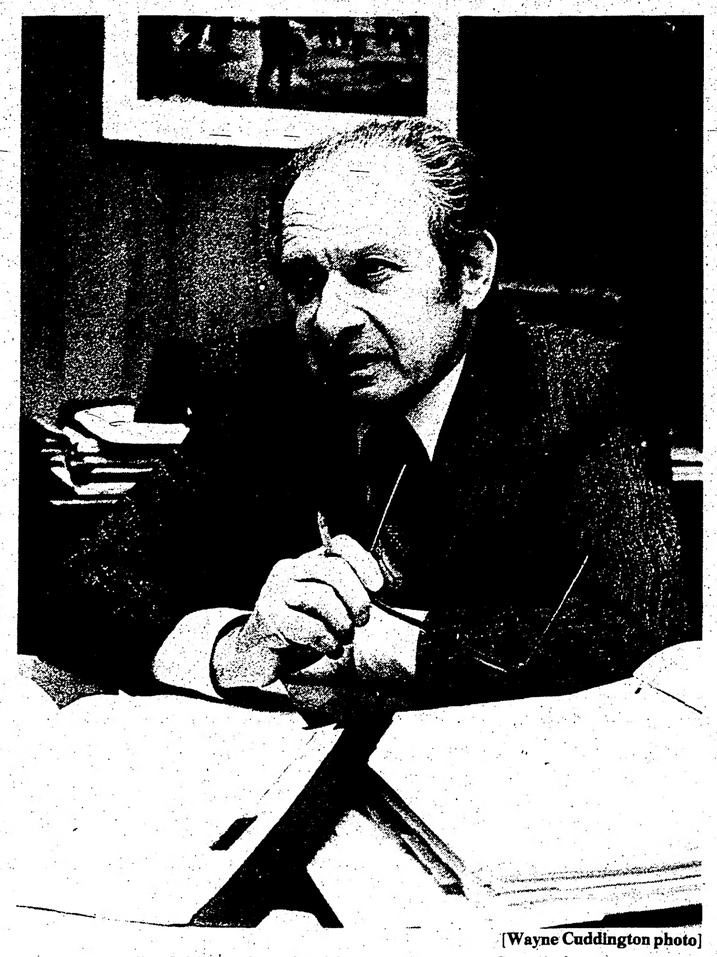
At one point, he was loaned to the U.S. navy for special duties in Washington.

In 1960, he was promoted to captain, a rank no Jew had previously had. Four years later, Solomon was judge advocate of the fleet, a legal position. Then he was assistant chief of naval personnel. Between 1964 and 1968, he was director of personnel legal services at defence headquarters in Ottawa.

During this period, he travelled to Vietnam, Laos, India, Tanzania and Ghana to examine various problems relating to Canadian servicemen and their families in those countries.

His wife, the former Shirley Waldman of Winnipeg, accompanied him on some of those trips. An amateur photographer with a gifted eye, Solomon often took his camera along on his missions. The walls of his office, adorned with his framed photos, are vivid testimony to his hobby.

Prior to joining the Canadian Pension Commission in May of 1970, Solomon was stationed in Canada's embassy in Bonn, West Germany, from where he advised Canadian embassies in Western Europe on defence matters. "It was a fascinating job," he recalls.



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Allan Solomon, chairman of the Canadian Pension Commission.

Solomon represented Canada at NATO meetings, worked on status-of-forces military agreements and handled the usual run of problems — court martials, drug cases — associated with the armed forces.

He had to accustom himself to working in Germany, a land dripping with unpleasant memories. "There was a short adjustment period," he says. "I had to work on the basis that West Germany was a friendly government, and that its objectives were the same as ours.

"But I couldn't hide from myself the facts of history. My wife lived with the knowledge that many of her relatives ended up in the gas ovens."

Why, he was asked, did he devote almost 30 years to the navy?

"It was a way of life I couldn't get anywhere else. In the service, you're shifted and moved around. You become knowledgeable in many things. I've been around the world I don't know how many times, and I've had very interesting jobs."

Solomon, the father of two, didn't have any trouble making the transition from navy "lifer" to that of chairman of the Canadian Pension Commission, which gives him the status of deputy minister.

In a sense, his career prepared him for the position.

"I've never had a job I enjoyed so much," he says, exuding genuine delight. "There's something different all the time."

Under Solomon, the Canadian Pension Act, now 62 years old, was strengthened. He introduced a 24% hike in basic rates, tied annual adjustments to the consumer price index and equalized male and female pensions.

In 1983, the Canadian Pension Commission is scheduled to transfer its headquarters to Charlottetown. "I probably won't go there," he says. "I'll be ready for retirement."

By then, Allan Solomon will have served his country, in war and in peace, many times over.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wants information

The writer is compiling a list of Jewish surname changes, and requests your co-operation.

Information required:

1. Original surname.
2. Country of origin.
3. First surname change and date.
4. Subsequent change, if any, and date.
5. Present surname.

6. Meaning of original name and any information or anecdote pertaining to surname change, if available.

This information can be anonymous or not, as you wish. The project, when completed, will be submitted to the office of the Jewish archives.

Please send response to:

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High calibre

I want to congratulate you on your high calibre of reporting on the recent visit of Mrs. Ofira Navon, wife of the President of the State of Israel.

Your account was presented with dignity, and captured the essence of the fine character of Israel's First Lady, her humanitarian qualities, her fortitude, the depth of her concern for those who need help and her willingness to extend herself on their behalf.

I would especially like to commend Janice Arnold and Gaye Applebaum, whose interviews and expert reporting helped to relate the various aspects of Mrs. Navon's Canadian visit succintly, in good taste and in an exciting manner which reflected Mrs. Navon's own enthusiasm and zest for life.

Once again the Canadian Jewish News has made us proud.

Mirial Small
National President
Hadassah-WIZO of Canada

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Much appreciated

I am writing on behalf of Coordinated Services to Jewish Elderly to thank you for the story you published regarding our volunteer service to the elderly.

The article was well written and, as a result, we did recruit several volunteers.

Agencies such as ours are dependent on the media to get our message to the public, therefore, your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Dorothy Wiener
Volunteer Co-ordinator
Toronto

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Excellent Article

I would like to thank you and Ms. Andrea Parker for the excellent article that recently appeared in The Canadian Jewish News about the Baycrest Centre and, specifically one of our volunteers, Issie Grossman.

Your article not only justly gave the credit due to him by highlighting the various volunteer activities that Mr. Grossman is involved in, but, at the same time, brought out many pertinent and important facts about the Baycrest Centre, some of the interesting programs that go on and the vital role of volunteers in these programs. Getting information of this sort into the hands of the public is of invaluable help in our constant and necessary quest for more volunteers.

Lou Stillman
Chairman
Volunteer Services Planning
And Co-ordinating Committee
Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care
Toronto

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Unduly alarmist

Much has been written in the pages of your newspaper lately about the rise of anti-semitism. May I say that I found much of that unduly alarmist. It borders on the irresponsible to overemphasize the nature of a danger if one at the same time does not advise on the effective means of protection from it. Instead, meaningless generalities are touted such as "we must fight the problem" and "we must stand united in the face of the problem," etc., etc. . . .

It is especially disconcerting when such alarmist and ineffectual views are expressed from within the ranks of the leadership of our community.

With regard to what might effectively be done individually and collectively in the face of rising anti-semitism, let me offer these views. Our leadership can best deal with anti-semitic expressions in the news media, constantly monitoring them and responding to the most serious of such expressions starting, perhaps, with a formal protest. In most cases the matter would end with an explanation or an apology. In certain cases, court action might be called for and there again our leadership is in the best position to undertake it.

Incidents that affect person or property — the likes of which it is hoped none of us will experience — are best left to the police authorities. In countries such as France and Argentina where the authorities are either ineffective or unwilling to protect the community, other measures might be called for. But that is far from being the case in Canada.

Finally, we need constant and accurate reporting of events, more of the facts and less amplification, interpretation and speculation.

F. Chitayat
Mount Royal, Que.

Consideration

Consideration for others is one of the marks of a "mench." Yet, it is amazing how many people who are considerate of others in their daily lives, are inconsiderate at the synagogue.

I find it paradoxical that people care enough about their faith to come for services and then show discourtesy to that very faith by having conversations during the most solemn services. I cannot conceive what contradiction of common sense will allow people to come for the High Holidays and then whisper during the Kol Nidre services, yet I have seen this happen.

Just as contradictory, is the rush to speak during kaddish. None of us knows what emotions are felt by the person saying kaddish. Possibly, at that time, the reciter is feeling a great sense of sorrow and then people right in front of him are engaged in animated conversation. This act of boorishness can only add pain.

May I suggest we all try to be at least as polite in a synagogue as we would be at a public symphony concert.

Jerry Genesove
Toronto

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Mistakes

In his review of the play, "Nathan Cohen: A Review," your writer made several mistakes. One of these is rather serious and I would ask that a correction be made.

In my telephone conversation with Ben Rose I never used the terms "opposed" or "for" the Communist Party, of which I was a member for more than 50 years. It is utterly untrue that I declared that "I am now 100% opposed to the Communist Party."

It is well known that in October, 1977 I withdrew from membership in the Communist Party of Canada because of my disagreement with party policies on a number of important issues. In my letter addressed to the central executive of the party I stated that I am "withdrawing" rather than "resigning" from the party. This was precisely because my disagreements could not be measured in percentages, let alone in terms of "100% opposition."

It is utterly untrue that I referred to anyone in Nathan Cohen's family, especially it is so insofar as Nathan's wife is concerned.

I am **not** 79 years old. In June of 1981 I will be 78.

The name of one of the editors of Today Magazine was not Sol Gordon. It was Sid Gordon.

For the sake of accuracy I would ask you to make the appropriate corrections.

Joshua Gershman
Toronto

How do you define the educated person?

Attempt is made to answer that question

By RABBI BERNARD BASKIN

The question is as old as history itself: Who is an educated person?

Down the long centuries the answers have varied according to time and circumstance. An ancient Greek philosopher taught that an educated person always has riches within him. An American historian maintained that there are obviously two kinds of education: "One that teaches us how to make a living, and the other how to live." And Albert Einstein suggested: "Education is that which remains when one has forgotten everything he learned in school."

I believe that a person is educated to the extent that he has attained all or some of the following 10 attributes:

1. **HE TRIES TO KNOW HIMSELF.** He probes the innermost recesses of his mind and heart. Aware of his abilities and limitations, he attempts to reach a fine balance between self-confidence and humility. He has healthy regard for the power of his appetites and passions. He realizes that he will not achieve maturity, effective rapport with his fellows, or enduring contentment without basic knowledge of himself.

2. **HE IS ABLE TO EARN HIS OWN LIVING.** Well trained in his specialty, he is "king in his own corner" and able to do his chosen work with assurance and a sense of excellence. Useful and rewarding work lead to feelings of worth and dignity.

The individual who is educated to work with his hands is as important to society as one who works with his mind. A pair of skilled hands is more valuable to society than the output of a second-rate mind.

3. **HE NEVER STOPS LEARNING.** It is one thing to have earned a diploma, it is another to have developed a restlessness to know and to keep knowing.

An educated person responds enthusiastically to the question, "What's new?" At the core of his being is a driving curiosity. A person who strives for knowledge is self-propelled. He can't be suppressed. Despite the rejections or rebuffs of the world he will discover what he needs. Knowledge is the only instrument of production that is not subject to diminishing returns.

4. **HE IS AN INDEPENDENT THINKER.** He does not accept without question the judgments of others. He strives to arrive at truth for himself, as Keats said, "by feeling it in his own heart's pulses."

Where all men think alike, no one thinks very much. Mass communications has surrounded us with hawkers, pitchmen and a multitude of hidden and overt persuaders. We live in the midst of a misinformation explosion.

Bombarded daily by words, images and ideas, the educated man seeks a critical method of sorting fact from fiction and fantasy from reality. He knows that the more closely we study a problem or a person, the less willing we are to make a flat, glib generalization. Usually the more positive we sound the more negative we feel. It is "the haters" who have all the cheap and easy remedies.

5. **HE HAS ACHIEVED HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.** He is acutely aware of the heritage of yesterday. He knows that without knowledge gleaned from the past there can be no objective evaluation of the present or planning for the future.

As Stephen Spender reminds us: "History is the ship carrying living memories to the future."

He tries to achieve the long view. He sifts the enduring from the ephemeral. He knows that times of stress and even breakdown and tumult in society have stimulated some of mankind's greatest achievements. The accomplishments of the Renaissance emerged from its turmoil. From ancient, broken Judea came three great world religions.

6. **HE IS ABLE TO COMMUNICATE.** He can say what he wants easily, understandably — and often felicitously. His ideas in writing are presented lucidly and cogently. He doesn't insist that good communication means agreement with his ideas, and he regrets that the most formidable barrier in nature is between one person's thoughts and another's.

7. **HE RESPECTS THE DIVERSITY OF HUMANKIND AND LIVES AT PEACE WITH HIS FELLOWS.** He is tolerant of the religious faith of others. He makes no invidious distinction based on sex, color or creed.

He knows the infinite variety of mankind and the storms and stresses, aims and hopes that flow from the four billion persons who inhabit the globe. When he feels inflated with self-importance he remembers that he is only one individual on a small planet in a little solar system in one of the galaxies. He insists that all persons be given an equal chance to achieve dignity.

8. **HE IS RECEPTIVE TO SPIRITUAL AND ESTHETIC VALUES.** There is always the danger that our ever-expanding material needs will push our vital spiritual needs into limbo. A penny held close enough to the eye will shut out the sun.

An educated person is able to perceive the beauty of the universe in tree, waterfall, flower and cloud. He can enjoy fine music, great art and enduring literature. A life of quality requires immersion in those things that add meaning, savor and purpose to our years.

9. **HE HAS DEVELOPED A GUIDING PHILOSOPHY AND SET OF STANDARDS.** Science is amoral. Scientific research produces both the Salk vaccine and atomic weapons. Its products are the jet transport as well as the inter-continental ballistic missile.

As our knowledge of the laws of the universe increase so does our desperate need for wisdom. The educated person will always try to measure material achievements against the touchstone of moral and spiritual values.

10. **HE ATTEMPTS TO TRANSFORM HIS IDEAS INTO EFFECTIVE ACTION.** The educated person does not retire to cloister or tower to dream of another age. The isolationist is an anachronism. The worthy person lives in the world. He works in the arena and market place. He is involved in the unending struggle for the survival and triumph of right and truth. He abhors fanaticism and avoids the thoughtless idealism, described by Carl Sandberg as "I am an idealist . . . I don't know where I am going, but I am on my way."

Upon the educated man, as described, depends the future of the human race. He realizes that in the fight for survival a tie or split decision simply will not do. He regards his formidable responsibility, if not with complete serenity, at least with realism and hope.

Cotler says human rights protest against USSR defused

Mendelevich's release may be positive signal

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

Will the release of one Orthodox Jew, Iosif Mendelevich, help to take some of the chill off a cold U.S.-USSR relationship?

According to some observers here, the answer is that such an action can't hurt.

But in the light of all the complex mutual concerns of both countries, it's a moot point about how much it helps.

Other issues are far more contentious. Afghanistan. Salt II. The Gulf War. Poland. Aid to El Salvador. Amongst others.

So why release Mendelevich? And why now?

In the field of human rights, according to Irwin Cotler, Canadian legal counsel to several imprisoned Jewish activists, including Mendelevich, "the Soviets may have wanted to send a positive signal to the Reagan administration, a not uncommon practice with a new administration, particularly at a time of intensified Cold War rhetoric."

More to the point, perhaps, is that the Soviets wanted to get the world Jewish community off its back, and defuse international and Euro-Communist condemnation of anti-semitism at this particular time.

Starting Feb. 23, the Soviet Union has been playing host to about 5,000 Soviet Communists and more than 100 foreign delegations for the Soviet Communists Party's 26th congress. The congress meets for 10 days.

At the recent ongoing Madrid conference of European nations which reviewed human rights late last year, the Soviet Union received blasts not only from the West, but also from within the ranks of Euro-Communists for its dismal performance in that area.

Particularly, the Soviets were scored for their refusal to allow thousands either to emigrate or reunify with families.

By letting Mendelevich go, some of the intensity of the human rights protest that would have been raised at the congress is defused, said Cotler.

Cotler is also convinced that the performance of world Jewry groups during the Madrid review also played a significant role in sensitizing public opinion to the critical state of Soviet Jewry.

Prior to Madrid, world Jewry groups all briefed their respective governments in detail on anti-semitism within the Soviet Union.

During the same conference, the Canadian Jewish Congress published specific case histories on about 450 Soviet Jewish Refuseniks. The World Conference on Soviet Jewry also distributed its own report on how the Soviet Union failed to implement its human rights promises of the Helsinki Final Act.

A whole critical mass of advocacy for Soviet Jews came to fruition here in Madrid, said Cotler. In particular, he singled out the work of American university lawyers such as Alan Dershowitz, Harvard, Telford Taylor, Columbia, and Leon Lipson, Yale. The role of Max Kampelman, the head of the U.S. delegation to Madrid was particularly outstanding, Cotler said.

Cotler also alluded to the visits made to 15 foreign delegation by both himself and Rivka Drory, Mendelevich's sister in Israel. The delegations included Western, non-aligned and East European nations.

"We received specific assurances from many that they would raise the case of Mendelevich," said Cotler, "because his case aroused particular humanitarian concern."

Mendelevich, he recalled, had been in prison 10 years, denied visits from any friends or family for seven years, and suffered poor health from abuse he received for observing his religious customs.

Further, added Genya Intrator, chairman of the Canadian Soviet Jewry Committee, Mendelevich, more than other prisoners, stuck like a bone in the Russian throat. He was not just any Jew, he was an Orthodox Jew.

For 10 years, Mendelevich consistently and successfully defied Russian authorities by his insistence on praying, keeping the Shabbat and refusing foods that didn't conform to the dietary laws. He even taught Hebrew to other prisoners.

After Mendelevich's recent 3-month hunger strike, his health was seriously endangered. The spectacle of a dead Orthodox Jew on the eve of the 26th Soviet Communist Party Congress was not palatable, speculated Mrs. Intrator. Further, his continued defiance of Soviet authorities could not be countenanced indefinitely.

Last but far from least, Cotler credits Edgar Bronfman, president of World Jewish Congress and head of the Seagram liquor empire, as being the right man in the right place at the right time.

"The negotiations Bronfman carried on with Soviet ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin," were invaluable," said Cotler.

Discussions between Bronfman and Dobrynin went on for almost a year not only on business matters but frequently on Refuseniks and Jewish activists in the Soviet Union.

Speculation has also been aroused, said Cotler, that the Soviet Union wanted to exploit the alleged rift between Israel and Diaspora Jewry.

"The Soviets, it is conjectured, want to 'credit' Bronfman with the release of Mendelevich. In so doing, they 'embolden' Diaspora Jewry leadership which has been critical of the present Israeli government."

But understanding why the Soviets do what they do at any time is a puzzle, Cotler added. "I have come to appreciate the significance of Winston Churchill's description of the Soviet Union as the "mystery of a riddle wrapped in an enigma."

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Error

Due to a typographical error, Rabbi Benjamin Hauer of Congregation Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob in Montreal was incorrectly identified in a story in last week's CJN as the former rabbi of the congregation. We regret this error.

18 dissidents languish in labor camps; more efforts urged on their behalf

One down. Eighteen more to go.

After Iosif Mendelevich was released Feb. 18, another 18 Prisoners of Conscience remain in Soviet prisons, labor camps or exile.

Among them are two non-Jews, Yuri Federov and Alexei Murzhenko, both of whom were taken prisoner along with Mendelevich for their part in the abortive attempt to hijack a Soviet airliner to Sweden on June 15, 1970.

Federov and Murzhenko are both represented by Irwin Cotler, Canadian Jewish Congress president and legal counsel to several imprisoned Soviet activists including Anatoly Scharansky, Ida Nudel and Vladimir Slepak.

Cotler remarked that people mistakenly refer to Mendelevich as the last defendant of the Leningrad Trials to be released. In fact, they mean the last **Jewish** defendant.

"We can't for a moment relax our efforts on behalf of Federov and Murzhenko," Cotler said. "They are no less Prisoners of Zion because they are non-Jews. They shared the same fate. They deserve the same concern."

Besides acting on strictly humanitarian grounds, Cotler offered another reason for acting on behalf of Federov and Murzhenko. It was quite possible, he said, that the Soviet Union would try to exploit Mendelevich's release for its own anti-semitic purposes.

The traditional Soviet propaganda, said Cotler, is that the "international Jewish conspiracy" only cares about getting its own Jews out. As for non-Jews, the Soviet Union charges that Jews are indifferent.

Even Dr. Andrei Sakharov, the famed Russian scientist now in internal exile in Gorsky, told Cotler that the kremlin was out to give Jews as black a name as possible.

Cotler revealed that it was Sakharov himself who suggested that he, Cotler, legally represent both Murzhenko and Federov. Sakharov was concerned then, said Cotler, that Jews be seen to act on behalf of non-Jews in the Soviet Union.

Cotler emphasized that the most acute and pressing problem in the Jewish emigration movement in the USSR is the fate of the Prisoners of Conscience.

He regarded the year 1978 as an almost record year for the number of trials (seven in all) against Jews wishing to emigrate.

Refusniks in prison have been charged with "parasitism," that is, failure to work; refusal to serve in the army, and in the case of Ida Nudel and Vladimir Slepak, "holding signs declaring their desire to go to Israel."

Cotler said that conditions of exile are extremely harsh. He described Siberia places of exile as amongst the worst in climate, economic conditions and living accommodations. Often, heavy physical labor is demanded.

At press time, Cotler was still waiting to speak to Mendelevich about a number of matters. Mendelevich, a former cellmate of Scharansky, would be invaluable, he said, in releasing information about the health of Scharansky as well as discuss prison conditions.

The following Prisoners of Conscience are in camps, prison or exile:

name	Date of Arrest
Yuri Federov	June, 1970
Arkady Feldman	January, 1979
Grigory Geishas	July 14, 1980
Semyon Gluzman	July, 1972
Yankel Groberman	January, 1979
Igor Guberman	August, 1979
Boris Kalenderov	March, 1979
Alexander Milner	January, 1979
Alexei Murhenko	June, 1970
Ida Nudel	June, 1978
Ivan Oleinik	March, 1980
Valery Pilnikov	July, 1980
Anatoly Scharansky	March, 1977
Dmitri Schiglik	July, 1980
Simon Shnerman	May, 1978
Vladimir Slepak	June, 1978
Moisei Tonkonogy	March, 1980
Moise Zats	May, 1980

Pro-Israel advisors said to be bypassed

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Reagan administration officials, recognizing the sensitivity of the proposed sale, are sounding out Israel and its supporters in Congress about possibilities for avoiding an all-out battle over the issue. Under U.S. law, Congress can veto the sale by approving resolutions of disapproval in both the House and Senate.

State department and Pentagon officials contend that the situation in the Middle East — in the wake of the Iran-Iraq war — has deteriorated, and that the Saudis now have a genuine need for the equipment, which would increase the aircraft's range from 400 to over 1,000 miles.

"We want to make them as effective as we can," Weinberger said on Feb. 3 at his first news conference when asked about the Saudi F-15s. Weinberger explained that the Saudis have "a difficult defence problem with a long coastline and a small number of forces and immensely valuable resources for the free world."

Some political observers here have suggested that Weinberger's remarks about the possible stationing of U.S. troops in Israel — made in response to a question at the same news conference — could be seen as a sort of "compensation" to the Israelis for closing their eyes to the Saudi deal.

"If they [Israel] should decide, and I confess I'd be a little surprised if they did," Weinberger said, "we would certainly consider a request from them to station troops in Israel. We would never initiate such a suggestion, but with the strength of the alliance that we have, we would certainly examine that kind of a question, if it should be raised, with a very sympathetic viewpoint."

But Weinberger went on to note that it was a hypothetical issue and he insisted that he was "not setting new policy." State department officials, concerned about possible angry reactions in the Arab world to the stationing of U.S. troops in Israel, sought to reinforce Weinberger's disclaimer.

Earlier in the week, Reagan, himself, told newspaper reporters that he favored a stronger U.S. military presence in the Middle East. But the President did not say specifically where.

Worldwide alarm precedes release

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According to WJC sources, in New York, the negotiations between a private organization such as WJC and a sovereign country such as the USSR in matters like these are "unprecedented."

All the more remarkable, according to the Bronfman associate, was that the Soviets didn't ask for an exchange of Soviet prisoners in return for Mendelevich.

(In 1979, such an exchange took place when Leningrad Trial prisoners Edward Juznetov and Mark Dymshitz plus Jewish dissident Alvin Ginsberg were released in exchange for two Soviet spies serving 50-year sentences in the U.S.)

In the interview with The CJN, the Bronfman source refused to speculate either on the release of any further prisoners or why the kremlin let Mendelevich go. In the face of growing speculation (see story, page 6), he would only acknowledge that stories that the Soviet Union wanted to reduce tensions between it and the U.S and the world Jewish community probably had some credibility.

As for Mendelevich, he is a man still in a dream.

According to Cotler, who spoke to Mendelevich's family on the day of his release, Mendelevich was never told what was happening to him.

He was hustled out of Perm 35 camp, taken to Moscow, and only on the way to the airport did he dare to hope that his prayers for freedom were finally being realized.

When he stepped out of the Aeroflot plane and saw Israel standing at the bottom of the ramp with a prayer book and tefillin, he burst into tears.

Besides Singer, Mendelevich was met by Dr. Gerhart Riegner, secretary-general of WJC, and Israeli ambassador to Austria, Elissar Ben Yaacov.

Upon his arrival in Tel Aviv to a hero's welcome, Rivka Drory told Cotler that at last she could say: "yoo ba babyit. Hoo bamoledit." Translation: "He is at home. He is in the homeland."

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Godfrey wants to increase the budget so Metro remains "a liveable place"

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

The telephone never seems to stop ringing. But Paul Godfrey, one of Canada's most powerful urban politicians, doesn't mind, as he lifts the receiver to take yet another call.

A visitor to his office finds it practically impossible to talk to the chairman of the Metropolitan Toronto Council without being interrupted by an endless stream of calls from fellow politicians, city administrators or citizens.

The phone is Godfrey's lifeline to a humming municipal federation covering 244 square miles and serving approximately 2.3 million people. One minute he's talking to Roy McMurtry, the provincial attorney-general; the next, he's discussing garbage disposal with a Metro commissioner.

Godfrey, a onetime chemical engineer who has been described as a "politicians' politician," was recently elected to his fourth term by a 34 to 5 vote, tightening his grip on an administration that provides major services such as public transport, policing, welfare and water supply.

If Godfrey's political career is synonymous with success, it is because he tries so hard and avoids losing battles.

A cautious operator, Godfrey doesn't let anything happen by accident. He attends as many committee meetings as possible, laziness not being part of his style, and his commissioners don't do anything controversial or dramatic unless they let him know well in advance.

It's said that he can swing majority support behind virtually any position he takes at Metro council, composed of 39 members representing Toronto, North York, Scarborough, Etobicoke, York and East York.

Asked to assess the accuracy of that observation, Godfrey, 42, says: "It's a bit of an exaggeration."

His power, he explains, is limited. He doesn't table issues which won't pass the council's gauntlet. "I don't try to run into the eye of the storm. This is a silly approach. I try to stay away from things that'll obviously be rejected. I attempt to read council properly to gauge what members' priorities are."

[Ben Lechtman photo]

Paul Godfrey, Metro Toronto chairman.

It is this talent which probably accounts for Godfrey's longevity, his eight-year occupancy of a post that has been held since 1953 by such men as Fred Gardiner, Bill Allen and Ab Campbell.

Godfrey, a former North York alderman, succeeded the ailing Campbell in July of 1973 when he was just 34. Before becoming involved in politics on an active basis, he was a packaging salesman for CIL. But politics had always been in his blood, thanks to his mother Bess, a worker in the Progressive Conservative Party.

Bess Godfrey, her son says with some pride, is still in politics. For the March 19 Ontario election, she's returning officer in the constituency of Wilson Heights. Godfrey's father, Phil, is a retired clerk.

In eight years as Metro chairman, Godfrey has probably fulfilled many of his mother's dreams for her son.

Metro's reputation as a clean, well-run municipal federation has coincided with Godfrey's tenure. Almost everyone who cares says the system of government he has molded is more open than in the past. "I've attempted, over the years, to involve members of council in the administration, to a greater degree, than was the case in previous years."

Godfrey, observers say, is something of a straight arrow. "He is predictable and reliable and you always know exactly where he stands," remarks John Kruger, Metro's chief administrative officer.

If accountability is Godfrey's main achievement, his budget system — which permits the closest scrutiny — is next in line.

But Godfrey is also credited with expanding Metro's green spaces and its subway, setting up more day cares, bringing a soon-to-be-completed convention centre to Toronto, building senior citizen apartments and establishing a good rapport with fund-disbursing federal and provincial governments.

Undoubtedly, Godfrey's impeccable credentials as a Conservative have helped in PC-dominated Queen's Park. Yet his true-blue Tory predilections have not prevented him from disagreeing with William Davis, the premier, on such matters as the Toronto Islands and the future of the Spadina Expressway.

Most important of all, perhaps, Godfrey has not won his fight with the two other levels of government on the principle of tax sharing. If Metro is unable to increase its $800 million budget considerably, taxes will rise with inflation, he warns.

"We're $100 million short on an annual basis," he says, sitting back on his leather armchair, gazing momentarily out the window to a view of a skating rink, the lower floors of the Sheraton Centre and a distinctive Henry Moore sculpture.

The funds, he says, are needed to upgrade various services so that Metro remains a model North American city — "a liveable place," as he puts it.

As well, Godfrey wants to lure new head offices, businesses and industry here to create badly needed jobs, and hopes to convince Ottawa that it should build a multi-million dollar CBC headquarters on a site near the CN Tower.

The father of three children, Godfrey works a long day of some 15 hours. His wife, Gina, has to put up with his grinding routine. "She's had to be a mother and a father to our children," he says. With an obvious note of regret in his voice, he admits he's missing the fun of watching them develop.

The Godfreys live in a detached North York house with a swimming pool, and he commutes to work each day in a chauffeur-driven sedan supplied by Metro.

A Temple Sinai congregant, Godfrey is an ardent sports buff, baseball being his favorite game. In fact, he had a hand in bringing major league baseball to Toronto. On occasion, during holidays, he and his wife visit the Blue Jays in spring training in Florida.

In reply to a question, Godfrey says he doesn't know how much longer he'll carry on as Metro chairman. If he steps down, he confides, he may go into business.

Certainly, he has no intention of entering provincial or federal politics. "A cabinet position, although challenging, doesn't have the challenge of this job," he asserts.

How would he like to be remembered after he leaves his second-floor office at City Hall?

"I'd like them to say he served Metro in a fair manner, and brought strong, decisive leadership in changing times."

It's an epitaph any politician worth his salt dreams of.

New emissary organizes UIA in BC towns

By MOURA WOLPERT

Col. Arie Lewin

HAMILTON —

An enthusiastic booster of Western Canada and its small, scattered Jewish communities in outlying areas is Col. Arie Lewin, the new Keren Hayesod emissary to the Ontario Region United Israel Appeal, who recently came to Toronto from Calgary to replace Lt.-Col. Yona Gazit, who will now serve as emissary to both Eastern and Western regions.

In Hamilton recently to attend the UJA women's division 1981 campaign opening luncheon, Lewin told how he introduced the Jews of places such as Kamloops, Kelowna, Vernon and Penticton in the interior of British Columbia to each other and organized them into a UIA region.

Told by Keren Hayesod headquarters to contact a donor in Kamloops, B.C., who had regularly contributed $1,000 to the United Israel Appeal "and to make him chairman of the campaign," Lewin was astonished to hear the voice of a very old lady answer the phone when he called.

Her husband had died two years before, she explained, and they were not Jews. However, for many years he was a staunch supporter of the State of Israel, and had left instructions in his will for the continuation of the annual $1,000 donation!

She was able to put Lewin in touch with a Jewish family, who in turn introduced him to another Jewish family. And so it continued through several small towns until he was able to bring together some 30 to 40 families for the first Jewish function ever to be held in the area.

Lewin even managed to coax a rabbi out of retirement, who will serve the newly formed community during the High Holy Days at their new centre in Kelowna.

As public relations officer and former director of the Tel Aviv office of Keren Hayesod for 10 years, Lewin made several trips to Canada before coming here as emissary to the western region in 1979. He also looked after individual guests from about 70 countries, among them many Canadians, and often shepherded visiting Canadians on special tours.

"I was one of the original Youth Aliyah kids," says Berlin-born Lewin, who was a 14-year old schoolboy when he was sent to Palestine in 1938.

Two years later, his parents were among the few lucky survivors of the Patria explosion in Haifa harbor. They were subsequently held in a British detention camp for nine months before being allowed to remain in the country.

Lewin, an only child, had meanwhile joined a kibbutz and the Haganah. In 1941 he volunteered for service in the British army.

In 1947, he joined the Israeli Defence Forces, retiring in 1969 with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. In the early 60s, he spent three years in Africa with the Israeli Military Aid Mission in Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, serving, among other things, as the first Israeli advisor to Kenyan president Jomo Kenyatta.

Upon his return to Israel, Lewin became director of foreign liaison and served as chief military censor for press, radio and TV before joining Keren Hayesod in 1969.

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Organizations and People

What's New

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Morris B. Kaufman, long a leader in the Toronto Jewish community, was honored recently on the occasion of his 70th birthday at a family party. Mr. Kaufman, doffing his yachting cap, is in the centre and immediately in front is his wife, Rose. They are surrounded by their children and grandchildren.

LUBAVITCH SHABBATON

Lubavitch Youth Organization invites you to spend a Shabbat weekend with the Chabad-Lubavitch chassidim. Friday, March 6 to Sunday, March 8, at the Holiday Inn, St. Catharines. Seminars, workshops and open discussion are offered.

Keynote speakers are **Rabbi Manis Friedman** of St. Paul, Minn. and **Mrs. S. Alperowitz**, of Cincinnati.

Spirited chassidic song and dance will enliven the weekend.

A special children's program is provided, and babysitting service will be available during sessions.

Registration is Friday, March 6, 2.30-4.30 p.m. For more information please call or write, Lubavitch Youth Organization, 44 Edinburgh Dr., Downsview, M3H 1B4, phone (416) 633-8020.

GROUP OF 35 TELEGRAM BANK

The quick mobilization of Canadian public opinion is often very effective in influencing the Soviet Union's policies regarding its Jews. The use of cables and telegrams may tip the balance at critical moments, and experts affirm that in the Russian system one telegram has the value of 25 letters. It is imperative that telegram banks be established in every community and by each organization.

In the past, the Group of 35 and/or the Committee for Soviet Jewry have sent cables in times of crisis on behalf of Refuseniks and Prisoners of Conscience. Often telegrams were directed to the Canadian government, MPs, or to Soviet Jews themselves.

Members of the Group of 35 note the importance of its Telegram Bank at this critical time and urge you to allow them to send telegrams in your name and to charge your telephone number with a specified number of cables per year at approximately $5 for each cable. For additional information please contact **Barbara Glass**, 787-4888, or **Samuel Resnick**, 977-3811.

SENIORS

Holy Blossom Alumni invite you to hear **Cantor B. Z. Maissner** when he offers cantorial and Israeli music at a meeting, on Wednesday, March 4, at 1.30 p.m., in the Philip Smith congregational hall foyer, 1700 Bathurst St.

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Friendship Club presents **Judith Ben-Israel**, doctor of chiropractic, who will provide information on back and muscle and other related problems, at the general meeting, Sunday, March 1, 12.30 p.m. Come and discover "what you always wanted to know, but didn't know whom to ask."

The congregation's spiritual leader, **Rabbi J. Benjamin Friedberg**, will address the Beth Tzedec Friendship Club +50, Tuesday, March 3, at 1.15 p.m., 1700 Bathurst St. He will draw on varied experiences when he relates "Pages from a Rabbi's Diary." Everyone welcome. Coffee and cake will be served. Bring your friends.

The Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club meets next in the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., Monday, March 2, at 1 p.m. **Robert Naiden**, a representative of the Canada Permanent Trust Co., will speak and advise on financial problems and services pertaining to the elderly. A question and answer period follows. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Centre has scheduled an ethnic luncheon for Wednesday, March 4, at 12 noon, when music and dances will be presented by guests from the Italian community. Cost is $2.50; location, 15 Hove St.

TIKVAH GROUP

Tikvah Group — an association for young people aged 20 to 35 with a history of psychiatric disorders — is about to be launched. Parents and concerned members of the community are invited to a meeting, Tuesday, March 3, at 8 p.m., in Tessler Hall, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St., to reflect on the possibilities of such an organization.

On Sunday, March 8, at 12 noon, in the Jewish Community Centre, downtown branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor), an opening meeting will be held. At that time, the young men and women will meet with trained volunteers to plan their own programs.

For more details phone 630-3035.

COVENANT BREAKFAST

Abraham H. Foxman, associate national director of the Anti-Defamation League and director of its international affairs division, will be keynote speaker at Toronto Regional Council of B'nai B'rith's annual Covenant Breakfast. His address will focus on "Jewish Agenda for the 80s." The breakfast takes place Sunday, March 8, 9.15 a.m., at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Tickets, $7.50, may be purchased from the Toronto regional council office, 15 Hove St., phone 630-5442.

PUPPETS AT POSLUNS

The Leah Posluns Theatre ushers in Purim with "Lisi's Bubbatron," a humorous adaptation of the story of Esther, performed with hand and mouth puppets. There will be two shows, Sunday, March 1, at 1.30 and 3.30 p.m. Admission is $2, children; $2.50 adults. Box office: 630-6752.

OR CHAIM PRESENTS

Here is your chance to see "The Frisco Kid" when Or Chaim student council presents the film, Sunday, March 1, at Ulpanot Orot, 45 Canyon Ave., near Bathurst St. Shows are at 2.30, in the afternoon, and 8 in the evening. Admission is $3 adults, $2 students, and $1.50, children. For further information call 633-3609.

IN THE SYNAGOGUES

Shaarei Shomayim congregation's next Brotherhood breakfast, Sunday, March 1, features **Arie Ralf**, who will discuss the "Israel Tourism Industry." Religious services are at 9 a.m., breakfast at 10 o'clock.

At Beth Tzedec Synagogue, **Dr. Haim Shaked**, the first director of the East African section of Tel Aviv University's Shiloah Institute, will give a 3-part lecture series under auspices of the congregation's Beth Midrash program. Lectures are: Wednesday, March 4, "The Roots of the Arab-Israeli Conflict;" Wednesday, March 11, "Implications of the Iraqi-Iranian War for the Middle East," and Wednesday, March 18, "The Palestinian Dilemma." All lectures at 8 p.m.

And here's a reminder of the Beth Tzedec Sisterhood Israel tour, April 27- May 11, which will be led by Jack Orenstein. It encompasses eight nights in Jerusalem, four in Tel Aviv, and one in Tiberias, with a full sightseeing program. For more details and reservations, call **Jack Orenstein**, 781-3511.

Reconstructionist Synagogue's alternate Shabbat service is presenting **Joseph Shatzmiller**, who will talk about "Jewish Life in Medieval Times," Saturday, Feb. 28, 10 a.m., at the Diet Workshop, 3768 Bathurst St. at Wilson Ave. All are welcome. For additional information please call 482-1895.

How long has it been since you went to a big, glamourous, fun kind of dance? Now is the time to plan for a special evening, when Adath Israel Brotherhood holds its Purim Ball, Saturday, March 14, at 8.30 p.m. Reserve early. Tickets are available at the synagogue office, 635-5340.

The Adult Education Committee of Adath Israel has organized three study sessions with **Rabbi Harvey Meirovich** on succeeding Mondays, March 2, 9 and 16, at 8 p.m. These are open to the public, and will centre on "The Jewish Family Through History."

Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St., extends an invitation to all to hear **Dr. Dov Ehrlich**, president of the Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists in Israel, when he expresses opinions on "Science and Halacha," at 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 3. No admission charge.

Beth El Synagogue, 186 Morrison Rd., in Oakville, continues with its chuggim (interest groups) for young people, 8-11 years. On Sunday, March 1, between 12.30 and 2.30, there is a choice of (a) Model making, (b) sports — floor hockey, (c) arts and crafts. For more details on these and other programs, please call 842-1372 or 845-0837.

"How Did You Look in the Sixties?"

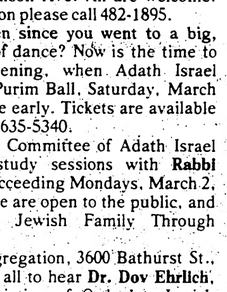
Beth Sholom's Young Couples Club is wondering, and is arranging a party for Saturday, Feb. 28, at 7.30 p.m., to give you an opportunity to reveal just that. Dress as you did in the 60s, of course, and join your friends for pizza, punch, dancing, games, and prizes for best 60s dress.

Members and non-members are welcome. Admission is $10 for members; $12 non-members. Tickets are available from the synagogue office, 783-6103, **Andrew Stevens**, 633-1808, or at the door.

And, Beth Sholom Brotherhood's tefillin and breakfast club will hear **Dr. Eric Fawcett**, professor of physics, Univeristy of Toronto, when he considers, "Science, Religion, and the Arms Race," at the synagogue, Sunday morning, March 1. Religious services are at 9.30, breakfast, 10 a.m., and speaker, 10.30.

KNESSET MEMBER TO SPEAK

Tzomet, the coalition of Orthodox Zionist Youth Movements, in consultation with the religious department of the American Zionist Foundation, brings **Rabbi Chaim Druckman**, member of the Knesset, to Toronto for a speaking engagement, and meetings with community representatives. A member of the National Religious Party, Rabbi Druckman is Rosh Yeshiva of B'nei Akiva Yeshiva, Or Etzion. He will be speaking at Congregation B'nai Torah, 465 Patricia Ave., on Tuesday, March 3, at 8.15 p.m. If you would like more information, or would like to meet with Rabbi Druckman during his visit to Toronto (March 3 and 4), please phone 667-9528, or 634-7424.



Rabbi Druckman

BIBLE CONTEST

A Bible contest, under auspices of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education, is set for Sunday, March 8, at 2 p.m., Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave. Student teams, representing their schools, will answer orally, questions based on the Book of Exodus. They are from Adath Israel, Beth Tikvah, Beth Tzedec, Holy Blossom, Shaar Shalom, Solel, Temple Emanu-El, and Temple Sinai schools.

ART AND DINNER AUCTION

Adena-Hanesse Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO, is holding an auction of Israeli and Canadian art, and dinners, on Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Civic Garden Centre, in Edwards Gardens. Preview is at 7.30 p.m. and auction promptly at 8.15. Wine and cheese, plus a sweet table will be offered. The door prize is a piece of art. Admission is $5 per person in advance, $6 at the door. For tickets and additional information call, **Rondell Shapiro**, 635-9461.

JEWISH STUDENT FEDERATION

A 3-day Jewish education symposium sponsored by York University's JSF, is planned for March 2, 3, and 4, at the university. Topics to be covered are: Special Education, School in Israel, Current Trends in Jewish Education, and more. For further details, call 667-3647.

And, the JSF invites the public to hear a speaker brought in by the Jewish Vegetarians of Toronto, on Monday, March 2, at 8 p.m., at Baycrest Terrace fireside lounge, 55 Ameer Ave.

SHIUR AT OR CHAIM

A shiur in Halacha is given every Wednesday, at 9 p.m., at Yeshivat Or Chaim, 159 Almore Ave. The public, and university students in particular, are welcome to attend. This is part of the community cultural program of B'nai Akiva Yeshiva in Toronto.

CHAT TO SHOW FILM

CHAT (the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto) Parents' Association, presents the international award winning family film, "Sallah," starring Chaim Topol (in Hebrew with English subtitles), for two nights, Saturday, Feb. 28, and Sunday, March 1, at 8.30 p.m. Tickets are $2.50 at the door, or in advance. Please phone 226-0221, or 221-2189, for advance tickets.

ZUKER LECTURE AT HART HOUSE

Judge Marvin Zuker will talk on "The High Cost of Justice" when he participates in the annual University of Toronto Hart House senior members' dinner series, March 11.

HADASSAH PURIM MASQUERADE

In the tradition of Purim, Atzmaut chapter of Hadassah-WIZO, is arranging a masquerade Purim for Saturday, March 7, at 8.30 p.m., Earl Bales community centre, Bathurst St. Sheppard Ave. There will be prizes for the best costumes, as well as refreshments and door prizes. Admission is $7.50 per person, at the door. Proceeds for day care centres in Israel.

UJA YOUNG ADULTS DANCE

Here's a last minute reminder of the dance at Heaven Night Club, Hotel Plaza II, planned by United Jewish Appeal Young Adults Division for Thursday, Feb. 26. Expect great music, cash bar, tremendous sound, and two dance floors. Admission is $5 and proceeds go to the UJA 1981 campaign.

SINGLES

Beth Tikvah Chai Group (35-55) has planned a visual presentation of Poland with **Michael Cole**, entitled "Return to the Haunted Land," at 8 p.m., Sunday, March 1, in the board room, 3080 Bayview Ave. Refreshments will be served. Visitors are welcome.

Jewish Community Centre Singles (35-55) are holding a dance at the JCC Valley Club, Leslie and Steeles, Saturday, March 7, at 8 p.m. Admission is $5 for JCC Singles, $6, non-members. For more information please phone **Harold Glass**, 636-1880, ext. 38.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE

The JCC, northern branch, as part of its Topics Unlimited series, has scheduled **Dr. Nell Lampert**, who will discuss, "What's Going On In Psychotherapy Today — An Overview," at 1.30 p.m., Monday, March 2, 4588 Bathurst St. This is a free program.

And, JCC has slated a workshop on Dream Interpretation, given by psychotherapist **Sandra Collier**, Thursday, March 5, from 7-10 p.m., at the JCC Valley Club, 7015 Leslie St. Fee is $9 for members, $12 for non-members. Pre-registration is necessary. Please call 636-1880.

Registration is under way now for Creative Art for Children, 4-12 years, at the Koffler Centre of the Arts, JCC, 4588 Bathurst St. This is a 10-week course, divided into three age groups. Enrolment is limited. Call 636-1880, ext. 43 or 15 for more information.

THE ARTS

Scarborough College drama workshop will present "The Investigator," by German playright **Peter Weiss** (English translation, **Jon Swan** and **Ulu Grosbard**), Wednesday to Saturday evenings, inclusive, March 4, 5, 6, and 7, in Scarborough College TV Studio 1. Weiss, who wrote "Marat/Sade" is considered one of the most significant German playwrights to emerge since World War II.

The Investigator is described as a moving and sometimes horrifying account of life in Auschwitz, and is based on evidence given at the trial of those involved with Auschwitz, held in Frankfurt, 1965. Admission is free.

For more information or reservations, phone 284-3126 or 284-3204.

Theatre 100 opens its season with "A Midsummers Night's Dream," March 4, 5, 6, 7, at 8.30 p.m., Cringan Hall, North York. Admission, Wednesday through Saturday, is $2.50 for adults, and $1.50, students. For further information, please phone 225-0240 between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

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SCHOOL EXHIBITION

Central Technical School's 64th annual exhibition is slated for Friday, March 6, from 6-9 p.m. Included in displays and programs will be several aircraft in the aerospace shops, various arts and crafts in the art centre, a musical presentation in the auditorium, and exotic cuisine prepared by culinary arts students. There is something of interest in each of the school's 20 departments, and everyone is invited. Admission is 75c, and a portion of this is used for charitable purposes within and outside the school. Location is 725 Bathurst St.

VOLUNTEER FOR ST. JOHN

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About People

Community leader's new job fulfils a lifelong secret dream

By DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO — Max Shecter, newly appointed chairman of this year's Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations, has a secret.

"I've always wanted to be a lawyer," the 57-year-old community leader told The Canadian Jewish News. "This," he said, indicating with a broad sweep of his arm the bookcases laden with legal tomes, the massive oak table and the files and casebooks — all in the library of the Ontario Highway Transport Board — "is the closest I've come."

Shecter was recently appointed to the 10-member board, a regulatory tribunal which oversees the licensing of commercial trucks and buses in the provinces.

Under Ontario's Public Vehicles Act and Public Commercial Vehicles Act, people wishing to transport goods for another party or operate private buses must obtain a license through the board, whether it involves one vehicle or a thousand. Their application is registered in an official gazette, and if any objections are brought forth, say, from competitors, a hearing is arranged for all parties involved.

Max Shecter

"The hearing is exactly like a pre-trial hearing in other types of cases," said Shecter. "The board's decisions carry the same weight as that of the Supreme Court of Ontario. They can only be appealed at cabinet level."

Shecter's day usually starts with a board meeting at which upcoming cases are discussed and assigned. The members then proceed to their hearings, if any, or work on other cases. Depending on the complexity, a hearing can last one morning or carry on for days.

Still to be resolved after many months, for example, is the well-publicized case of United Parcel Service, a subsidiary of a large U.S. firm, whose application has aroused the objection of numerous smaller Canadian carriers.

There are about 35 people working at the board's Bloor-Avenue Road offices, including office staff. The latter, says, Shecter, will assist applicants with the license paperwork.

Shecter's appointment came after a spell of bad health and financial loss. During the past year he had two operations, one for cataracts, from which he is still recovering.

Shecter continues to maintain his community affiliations.

In the past, he has been: president of Canadian B'nai B'rith; vice-president of B'nai B'rith International; president of the Beth Sholom Synagogue; chairman of the Toronto Israel Bond Committee; chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress Soviet Jewry committee; deputy national president of the Canadian Zionist Federation.

He is beginning to organize events for the CZF-sponsored Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations, to take place at the Shaarei Shomayim and Beth Tzedec Synagogues on May 6.

"Look, isn't this something?" he says as he opens the door to the hearing room. "It's a real courtroom, isn't it? You should see — on Friday morning — it's packed with law students."

Shecter points to the judge's bench looming at the front of the room. Behind it are two magnificent high-backed chairs. "That's where I sit, with one or two other members, when there's a hearing on. When I learn enough, I'll be sitting up there on my own."

McLAUGHLIN TO RECEIVE AWARD

W. Earle McLaughlin, former chairman, Royal Bank of Canada, will be the 1981 recipient of the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanities Award, it was announced by Thomas O. Hecht, chairman, Montreal State of Israel Bonds. The selection of McLaughlin as "man of the year," said Hecht, is because of his service to society. He will be honored at an Israel Bonds dinner in Montreal, May 28. Previous Canadian recipients have included Ian Sinclair, chairman of Canadian Pacific, and former Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent and Lester B. Pearson.

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Jewelers division chairman says UJA is an ongoing commitment

TORONTO —

Like so many others, Fred Metter returned from a United Jewish Appeal mission to Israel with a totally new perspective which initiated a re-evaluation of his personal priorities.

"I had been to Israel a few times before I went on the UJA Prime Minister's Mission in October," he said, "but this trip was a completely different experience for me. I came back and reassessed what I was doing in the Jewish community and decided to become more involved."

Fred Metter

As chairman of the Jewellers Division, Metter has jumped into the 1981 campaign with unbridled zeal. When asked how many cards he's covered to date, he thought for a moment before replying: "I know it's more than 100, but don't ask me for an exact count."

At 34, Toronto-born Fred Metter is upwardly mobile in the business world. He's vice-president of merchandising for Peoples Jewellers, a chain with 300 stores across Canada. Married, he and his wife Marsha are the parents of 8-month-old daughter, Elana Yonit.

During an interview at his office, Metter expressed concern about the need for a deeper commitment to Israel and the local Jewish community on the part of young people, the "me" generation, as he put it.

"We've had it easy living in Canada, and that's given us a sense of false security," he commented. "Given the current political climate — the bombings in Paris and the general rise in anti-semitism — it would be a great mistake if we allow ourselves to become complacent and take things for granted."

Metter's own involvement didn't come about overnight, he admits. He began canvassing in the Jewellers group in the 1975-76 campaign. Up to now his principal outside activity has been with the Canadian Jewellers Association.

"An industrial commitment wasn't enough," Metter said. "I felt I wasn't giving ample time to the Jewish community and this year UJA is my priority, but I don't look at it as a one-year commitment — it's ongoing."

In addition to canvassing his colleagues in the Jewelery business, Fred Metter has covered cards in the Major Gifts Division as well. "I don't accept any pledge without an increase," he emphasizes, "and I have managed to get a lot of new gifts, too."

To what does he attribute his success as a canvasser?

"I try to get across my own belief that UJA gives the contributor the best return on the buck," he says. "It's so all-encompassing in the needs and services it helps to fund and that's what is so important for us to understand. It's the price we should pay for being Jews . . . I think of it as Jewish income tax, but even better, you get a receipt."

Edward and Lily Schreyer

Shul to honor Schreyer

TORONTO —

The Beth Sholom Brotherhood is presenting its 31st humanitarian award to Governor-General Edward Schreyer at a dinner on April 13 at the synagogue.

Henry Cowen, executive director of Beth Sholom, said Schreyer will receive the award "because of his humanitarian work in breaking down the barriers between races, colors and creeds."

Past recipients have included John Diefenbaker, Maxwell Cohen, the people of Denmark, Sweden, Holland and the U.S., said Cowen. Last year's recipient was retiring Toronto police chief Harold Adamson.

Speakers at the gala dinner will include Mendel Green, co-chairman of the humanitarian award; Gordon Saltzman, president of the brotherhood; Robert Rothman, president of Beth Sholom; and Frank Cadesky, who will chair the meeting. After a response by Schreyer, his wife Lily will be presented with a bouquet.

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Organizations and People

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By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayakhel/Shabbat Shekalim

When Jews join together for a holy mitzvah, the G-d shines His spirit on them. But when there's "machlokes" — silly arguments and jealousies — the Almighty Himself weeps.

In the city of Cartinga there were so many arguments each Shabbat about who should get which honor at the Torah, the gaboim finally decided to call people in order, row after row. "Honors" were to be abolished.

However, the town rabbi, Rabbi Eliyahu, disapproved, saying: "If you will stop giving out honors, then people will stop coming!" (Fun Inzer Alten Oitzer)

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We Jews must learn to love and get along with each other.

Consider . . . when Moses went to build the holy sanctuary, he gathered the Jews together: "Vayakhel Moshe." Why? Moshe was trying to show the Jews that if there is to be a holy mishkan, a sanctuary that bears G-d's spirit, then it's only with "vayakhel" . . . by flocking together. There's no room for bickering parties among our people.

But it's not easy getting Jews to work together. Even Moses had a problem. Imagine . . . when the Almighty commanded Moses to count the Jews. He told him: "They should each give a half shekel." What was the reason they had to give a coin? Why couldn't Moses just count them outright?

But when G-d told Moses to count the Jews, Moses became very concerned. He worried: "Once the Jews hear that there's a mitzvah to be counted, there will be all sorts of arguments. Everyone will want to be counted first in the crowd!"

Answered the Almighty: "Demand that for the census each Jew should give a half-shekel. Once they realized that they have to pay out money for the mitzvah, they won't run so fast to be first. . . . 'V'lo yihiyeh bahem negef — there will be no plague among them. . . .' (Reb Yoshe Ber Brisker)

When Jews work together to give money for a holy cause, that makes joy, gladness and blessing fall upon all. For a number of years now, the readers of this column have raised thousands of dollars to help widows and orphans in Israel, people who have little children to raise but no money for shoes, or clothing or food on the table. Heads of households who are disabled, have the responsibility to feed their loved ones, but empty pockets. We have so much. In this week, which is Shabbat Shekalim, ushering the Purim Passover season, we must share.

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How do you create love between Jew and Jew — by being considerate even of the smallest thing.

Before Moses told the Jews to build the sanctuary, he gave them the mitzvah of the Shabbat. A Jew without Shabbat is like a body without a soul.

Whenever the brilliant Taz used to make kiddush to usher in the sacred Sabbath, he always read it out of a siddur, never reciting by heart. Why? In case he had a guest who was not learned and would not be able to recite the kiddush by heart, the Taz went out of his way not to embarrass him.

May we never be embarrassed in the eyes of G-d.

Shabbath Shalom.

Psychiatrist learns complexity of human affairs on kibbutz

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Two countries, and two experiences, probably shaped the career of Vivian Morris Rakoff, who was recently appointed psychiatrist-in-chief at the Clarke Institute and chairman of the University of Toronto's department of psychiatry.

On the eve of the establishment of the state of Israel, Rakoff was in Marseilles, France, poking around in a camp full of concentration camp survivors waiting to be shipped to what was then Palestine.

Several months later, in the midst of the first Arab-Israeli war, he found himself on a kibbutz as an agricultural laborer.

Rakoff, a hearty South African, remembers those halcyon years like yesterday.

He had accompanied his friends, ardent Zionists like himself, to Marseilles. They were off to Palestine, and he was due at Cambridge University in two weeks' time to study English literature.

At the initiative of his companions, Rakoff visited a nearby camp, where he had his first encounter with Holocaust survivors. Among them were the passengers of the Exodus, the Jewish Agency ship which the British had forced back to Europe in a blaze of publicity.

Irresistibly drawn to the survivors, Rakoff was sucked into the maelstrom of their suffering, and attracted by their dreams of settling in the Jewish homeland. He decided not to go to Britain, as planned.

"I wrote my father a letter: 'I'm off to war in Palestine.'"

Rakoff explains: "My fantasy was that I would be a poet, an English scholar, although I had studied psychology at the University of Cape Town. After getting to know the survivors, I had a sense that everything in my life till then was irrelevant and frivolous."

A gently-reared fellow, Rakoff identified completely with these survivors. His destiny, he figured, was inextricably part of theirs. And so he waited to board a refugee boat bound for Palestine.

While biding his time, Rakoff got closer to the lives of the survivors. "Day after day, I listened to their stories. That became my occupation."

Finally, Rakoff was informed of his impending departure date. The boat to which he was assigned was full of survivors, North African Jews and volunteers like himself. The sea voyage was largely uneventful, but for one thing. "Every one on board developed diarrhea," he says.

In April of 1948, when he was just 20, Rakoff glimpsed the outlines of Tel Aviv. Having joined a Zionist youth group at the age of eight, it had taken him 12 years to reach the Promised Land. "I thought I'd work on a kibbutz, and fight, if necessary. I'd been in school cadets and learned to fire a rifle."

[Ben Lechtman photo]

Dr. Vivian Rakoff

He was taken to a former British army camp near Netanya and it was there that he met, quite accidently, his South African friends. Taking him in tow, they led Rakoff to Kibbutz Keshet, east of Nazareth.

Toiling in the fields, under a scorching sun, Rakoff was introduced to the reality of labor Zionism, as Jewish and Arab fighters fought tooth and nail for this sliver of land.

Rakoff was far from the front lines, but he recalls the tension in the air. "There was tremendous coming and going, friends flying to Czechoslovakia to purchase armaments and ammunition, everyone carrying a Sten gun."

It was an exhilarating time, fraught with great freedom and frightening moments, and it enabled Rakoff to learn something about himself. "I learned about the complexity of human affairs. I learned to distrust my youthful ambition of becoming an English scholar."

On the kibbutz, Rakoff had the gnawing feeling of being "utterly useless." As he puts it: "I was desperate to do something useful in the world."

Rakoff left Israel and, on his return to Cape Town, got a job as a demonstrator in psychology at the university there.

Thirty years elapsed before he visited Israel again. "I was shy of going back. I felt I had deserted Israel." His fears, however, were unfounded. "It was, in fact, a warm homecoming. I wasn't reproached."

In 1950, Rakoff began to study clinical psychology at the Tavistock Clinic in London, England. He moved into a new field, surgery in 1957.

Rakoff returned to South Africa, but by 1961, he was in Montreal, doing a diploma course in psychiatry at McGill. He's been back to South Africa since, but only as a visitor.

His distaste for South Africa's political system was just one of the reasons he emigrated. "Leaving also fitted in with my career development," he says.

In Canada, Rakoff has pursued psychiatry in Montreal and Toronto.

He's lectured at McGill and worked at the Jewish General Hospital. In 1967, he was director of research in the hospital's psychiatry department.

About 11 years ago, he arrived in Toronto, having been appointed associate professor and director of postgraduate education at the U of T's psychiatry department. In 1978, Rakoff was head of Sunnybrook Medical Centre's department of psychiatry.

The author of three books and numerous papers, Rakoff has specialized in psychiatric medicine and the family. At one point, he probed the topic of obesity. "It's a fascinating phenomenon but one that resists clinical intervention," he says, somewhat obliquely.

For a while, he worked with the children of concentration camp survivors. "My work was received with great ambiguity by the survivors," he says. "Survivors don't want to be defined in clinical terms." He'd rather not say anymore about the subject.

Lately, Rakoff has studied the cultural forces shaping psychological disorders, particularly as they relate to adolescents. "Adolescence, as we understand it, is almost an invention of the prosperous, post-World War II period," he says.

At the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, Rakoff hopes to encourage a greater level of research among psychiatrists and psychologists, who have already made it one of the finest institutions in North America.

He also wants to maintain its patient care facilities and, if possible, to upgrade capacity.

Clearly, Rakoff enjoys psychiatry immensely.

"In it I've been able to use everything I've ever learned," he says. The humanism he has always sought of a profession is eminently present in psychiatry — not to mention what he calls the "great reality" of being able to peer into the inner recesses of people's lives.

Psychiatry, he adds, remains "very, very interesting" and fresh.

Rakoff, who is married to a general practitioner, Dr. Gina Schochat, is "a chronic writer of poetry," a script writer, a playwright, a painter and a doodler of elaborate doodles in his spare time.

His avocations, he muses, are "a way of dealing with thoughts that don't fit into my role as a psychiatrist."

Synod elects patriarch

JERUSALEM (JCNS) — After a long internal wrangle between three leading prelates, the 16-member Greek Orthodox Church Synod here elected Archbishop Theodoros, the head of the community in Jordan, as its patriarch in Jerusalem.

Church bells in the city were rung when the result of the election was announced.

Archbishop Theodoros received nine votes compared with six votes cast for Archbishop Vasilios, the Patriarchate's secretary, who had been the preference of Israel officials.

The third candidate was Acting Patriarch Germanos.

After being acclaimed at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, Patriarch Theodoros said that he hoped to promote good relations with both the Israeli and Jordanian governments.

He was congratulated by Daniel Rosin, the head of the Israeli foreign ministry's church relations division, who expressed the hope that the warm relations between Patriarch Benedictos the First, his predecessor, and Israel, would continue. Patriarch Benedictos died in December.

There had been some concern that the 58-year-old Archbishop Theodoros would be more favourable to Arab national feelings in his dealings with Israel, especially as he had served for the past 19 years in Amman.

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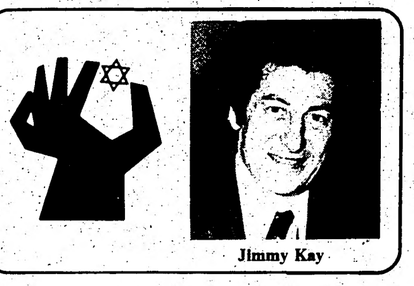

Jimmy Kay

Does it seem like **Fred Metter** week? Small wonder! What with the story on him in this edition of the CJN and his superb chairing of Sweepstakes Day, he's been *maintaining a high profile, and why not!* Can't think of anyone more deserving. He's proved himself to be a top canvasser and it was through him that some beautiful items of jewellery were donated as prizes for our Sweepstakes Day.

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Speaking of Sweepstakes Day, I loved the line from our guest speaker, Attorney General **Roy McMurtry**, as he looked over the crowded room. "As a member of the old guard, I'm thankful you're not forming your own party." Mr. McMurtry obviously recognizes high-powered self-starters when he sees them.

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Saturday, March 7 has been designated **UJA Sabbath**. That's the day when rabbis throughout the city will be asked to focus their sermons on all aspects of UJA and urge their congregants to contribute to the best of their ability.

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Congratulations to **Nathan Hermann** and **Jeff Lipsitz**, second-year medical students at the University of Toronto, for the prompt and efficient canvass of fellow students. They wasted no time in getting cards covered and handing them in.

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Not to be outdone by the U of T, the Jewish Student Federation at York University has scheduled telethons on three successive evenings at its campus headquarters, beginning March 8 through 10.

Anyone willing to participate for a few hours may inform **Randy Robinson** or **David Gord** at 667-3648, or **Karen Durbin** at 977-3811 . . . or just show up on the evening of your choice. Your help will be most welcome.

Also, I'm told volunteers are needed to help finalize plans for the annual Monte Carlo night to be held Saturday, March 14. If interested, call Randy or Karen at the numbers listed above.

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We welcome to UJA, **Yossi Glatt**, who arrived from Israel last week to begin a six-week stint as a fund-raiser. Yossi is assistant to the World Chairman of Keren Hayesod and was a native Torontonian before making aliyah. He is also co-ordinator, along with **Zvi Garcy**, for English-speaking countries. Yossi was with us for a short period last year and we're pleased to have him back again.

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The Women's Division has another cleanup telethon planned for Sunday, March 8 at the Toronto Dominion Bank, corner of Bathurst and Eglinton.

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Just received a copy of the current issue of the Monthly Monitor put out by the **Centre for Creative Living**. The range of activities listed for the month of March boggles the mind. Everything from macrame and yoga to folk dancing, something to spark the interest of any senior adult who wants to participate and keep active.

But what makes for better companionship than the combination of good conversation and the sharing of a tasty midday meal?

This is just a roundabout way of pointing out that the hot kosher daily lunch is the focal point and congregational meeting place for all members of the Centre to enjoy, no matter where their particular interests may lie.

Your UJA dollars pay for these five-day-a-week lunches. It's just one more way that a contribution to the United Jewish Appeal works toward the enrichment of daily life in the local Jewish community.

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CANVASSER OF THE WEEK

This week and just about every other week, it's Mister UJA himself, **Stephen Berger**. What can we say about Stephen that hasn't been said before? He's successfully covered 40 Major Gift cards as this is being written, and no doubt, by the time you read this, he'll have covered many more. It's amazing how he maintains his enthusiasm — it never wanes. Thank you, again, Stephen, for all that you have done and for all you will continue to do.

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Jimmy Kay

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CJN staff reporter Beverley Stern did some first hand research on the beautifying aspects of Israeli cosmetics when she visited cosmetologist Dora Taler.

Israeli skin products used by cosmetologist

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

If 70 to 90% of skin care products are water, then the composition of that water has to be judged as important.

The Lon line from Israel, for example, is produced from the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea in Israel which are world-renowned for their health-giving properties.

Twenty years ago, a business-minded Prime Minister, David Ben Gurion, gave the Lon manufacturer exclusive rights to use the Zohar mineral waters from the Dead Sea if that was where the firm would build a laboratory.

The Lon manufacturer made the deal. The plant was built at Yeruham, halfway between Beersheba and the Dead Sea, and the offices in Ramat Gan, Tel Aviv.

Ten years ago, Lon began to penetrate the U.S. market, and five years ago, it came to Canada.

Today, the Lon line is still relatively unknown to consumers because it is not merchandised in retail stores but sold only through the outlets of professional beauty salon and estheticians.

The Bio-Esthetics Institute on Spadina Rd. near Lonsmount is one of Lon's customers in Toronto. It is run by Romanian-born Dora Taler, who has been trained in some of the best-known schools for cosmetologists in Italy and France.

A graduate of child psychology from the University of Al. I. Cuza in Iasi, Romania, Taler switched to esthetics when she left Romania. She took courses at the Alta Classa in Rome, Sergio's in Lido, the School of General Esthetics in Rome as well as courses at French institutes.

When she came to Toronto in 1948, she worked for two years with the Elizabeth Arden Salon in Yorkdale Plaza.

"North American women in the last few years are just beginning to learn what European women have known all along — that skin care is every bit as important and even more important than cosmetics," says Mrs. Taler.

"The condition of the skin, its cleanliness, texture, suppleness and firmness, will determine how the makeup will look. It doesn't matter how much makeup is applied," she says, "if the skin itself is not in good shape."

Taler uses the complete Lon line for her whole treatment of the skin — from cleansing stage right through to toning, masking and moisturizing.

When she decided to open her esthetics salon in Toronto, she investigated what she considered were the finest skin care lines from all around the world — and names such as Biotherm and Lancombe from France and Shisheido from Japan — and eventually opted for Lon.

Her husband, Laurian, a biochemist for the largest health care line servicing nursing homes in Canada, checked out the Lon ingredients and approved of the minerals and plant extracts as well as the purity of the chemicals used.

"A certain degree of chemicals is required in all skin care products to preserve the ingredients," says Taler, but she stressed the Lon line of preparations were "pH balanced" — the most natural way to maintain a healthy complexion.

"I also liked the way the products penetrated the skin without leaving any oily residue and the fact that they were virtually fragrance-free. They also outpriced any of the competition in the top lines," she says.

When this reporter arrived on the scene to interview Taler, she had just finished a cleansing, massage and makeup on an attractive, olive-skinned young woman who needed a beauty treatment like Raquel Welch needs tips on body-building.

One quick look at my dull pallor glowing a warm gray-green color under the fluorescent lights, and Taler offered her services. All in the interests of reporting, of course, I quickly acquiesced.

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Anti-semitism increasing Hamilton audience warned

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

For Israel and world Jewry this may be one of the most crucial years we have ever had in our history, Dr. Jonathan Livney told a large gathering of women at Beth Jacob Synagogue recently.

Anti-semitism is becoming a stronger force today than it has been since the inception of the State of Israel, he declared, and, "if you look back with hindsight to the declaration in the United Nations that Zionism equals racism, that is a mild statement compared with what you hear today.

"Today, Zionism has been declared by three-quarters of the nations of the world as a crime against humanity."

Livney, who graduated with a law degree from the Hebrew University at the age of 21, and is a former attorney general for the West Bank, a veteran of both the Six Day and the Yom Kippur wars, and currently serving as a special emissary to Canada of the Hebrew University, was the guest speaker at the United Jewish Appeal women's division 1981 campaign opening luncheon.

Even the idea of the Holocaust, said Livney, "is being used as something that is not even a Jewish experience." And he went on to quote Arafat, "whom your press sometimes calls the moderate leader of the PLO," as speaking of "the six million Arab victims of the Zionist Holocaust."

He further quoted from a recent statement by German chancellor Helmut Schmidt that "many people forget that the other victims of the Holocaust were the Arabs, because the Holocaust created the State of Israel and the State of Israel created the Palestinian problem and therefore we Germans are at fault because there is a problem today with the Palestinians."

Israel has become the pariah of every international organization, Livney continued. Even "the World Health Organization decided that Israel was an enemy of international health.

"Yet we see in every [hospital] ward Arabs from all over the Middle East who come to be treated in Israel. But that is never mentioned, not in the press, not on TV, because that would show Israel in a good light and the world doesn't want to see Israel in a good light."

As an illustration of what life is like in Israel, Livney held aloft a drawing made by his small son depicting a child about to pick up a small object, a policeman and the added legend "don't touch unidentified objects, call the police."

"It epitomizes to me what it means to be the father of a 7-year-old kid in Israel," he said as he explained that the PLO has devised small bombs which look like buttons and are placed near school yards.

"They don't kill you, they only maim — a moderate kind of an accident . . . something we live with and manage to survive and will continue to do in spite of all the hardships."

But, "We can't go it alone," Livney concluded "without the knowledge that world Jewry is behind us."

Presiding over the luncheon, honoring women's division chairmen of the past 30 years, was Elizabeth Tick, chairman of the 1981 women's division.

Reagan advisor tells BB board president is dedicated to Israel

WASHINGTON —

An advisor to President Reagan on foreign policy matters assured the B'nai B'rith International board of governors recently that the President is inherently sympathetic to Israel and realizes the Camp David process is the only viable path to peace in the Middle East.

Dr. Amos Perlmutter, counsellor to the National Security Council and professor of politics and government at American University, told Jewish leaders from around the world at their annual winter meeting that Reagan is "dedicated" to Israel; however, he added, Egypt will be the United States, focal point in any defence of the Middle East and Saudi Arabia will "continue as an ally par excellence."

Perlmutter, the author of nine books on the Middle East and politics, said the administration doesn't particularly like the idea being promoted by America's European allies for a comprehensive peace settlement in the Middle East.

Describing the recent meeting of the European Economic Community in Venice as "the Munich of 1981," Prof. Perlmutter said that both the British and French are working particularly hard in an attempt to "deterrorize" the Palestine Liberation Organization and "give the Arabs what they want" in return for oil.

Subsequently, the board of governors approved three resolutions related to the Middle East. The board urged the Reagan administration "not only to reject PLO participation" in the peace process, but "to persuade those governments which have given the PLO recognition to repudiate such recognition and to sever all contact" with the PLO.

The board called for support for Israel "in its search for peace with all of its neighbors" and stated that the United States "must not" reward the PLO "and the other Arab rejectionist forces."

The United States, the board added, "must rally" its Western allies and others "genuinely interested in peace" to reject the call of the recent Islamic conference for a holy war against Israel.

The B'nai B'rith leaders also accused the United Nations of maintaining a double standard and selective morality in the areas of peacekeeping and human rights.

Past presidents plan meeting

TORONTO —

When Lorraine Levine recently completed her term as president of the Women's League of Conservative Sisterhoods, she found herself with time on her hands.

She began to think of other women, who like herself, had the leadership and communal expertise, but nowhere to channel all that energy. It was while she was involved as co-chairman in a leadership training program sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations, that an idea to remedy the situation evolved.

Along with Gerda Frieberg, a past FJWO president, and Molly Friedman of B'nai B'rith Women's Council Toronto and FJWO leadership co-chairman, the concept of a seminar for past presidents of organizations and sisterhoods was formulated.

The seminar, under FJWO auspices, will be held on Monday, March 9, at the home of Lorraine Levine, beginning at 9.30 a.m.

"Invitations have gone out to past presidents of all FJWO affiliates, going back five years," said Mrs. Friedberg, seminar chariman. "Dr. Rupert Shriar, associate director of Toronto Jewish Congress, will address the meeting — which we believe is unique for Toronto.

It's an unnecessary waste when all this womanpower is lost to the community," she went on. "If we can steer those energies to committees or board-level functions, the community as a whole benefits. These women have so much to offer."

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Neighboring temple and mosque may start dialogue

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

A Reform temple and a Shi'ite mosque which have been sharing each other's parking lots for over a year may now be ready to share some inter-faith dialogue.

Since 1979, when Temple Har Zion was under expansion and the Mohammadi Islamic Centre began construction, both have been sharing their adjoining parking lots on Bayview Ave. above Steeles.

A common ramp between the two parking lots provides access for members of each congregation.

Har Zion numbers about 1,000 members, and the Islamic centre about 1,200.

Congregants of the Islamic centre have many new Canadians from African countries such as Uganda, Kenya, Mozambique and Tanganyika — as well as Asian countries such as India and Pakistan. Some are from Middle Eastern countries such as Iran and Lebanon.

A large number of the centre's congregants are second and third generation Canadians.

According to Rabbi Michael Stroh of Har Zion, the experiment in inter-faith co-operation has operated with relatively few hitches, save for a few times each side neglected to tell the other of a special event.

Formal exchanges of calendars and lists of peak periods of attendance have since prevented any other parking problems. Muslims use a lunar calendar year which is approximately 354 days long, while Jews use a solar calendar of 365 days. Thursday evenings are busiest for the Islamic Centre, and Fridays for Har Zion.

Stroh said that such mutual efforts at accommodation make a symbolic statement.

It's an opening for future co-operation," he said, "and we would like to pursue the relationship further."

Stroh participated in an informal tri-partite dialogue in Toronto amongst individuals of the Judaic, Christian and Muslim faiths about four years ago. He referred to that dialogue as a "noble experiment" in exploring cultures, but he admitted discussions bogged down on sensitive issues.

"Participants in dialogue have to be prepared to listen to the other point of view. It's hard to hear what you don't want to hear, but it is the only way to understand the same event from another perspective."

Stroh said that he would be prepared to enter into issues of mutual religious, moral and ethical concern. "We don't envision anything controversial," he said. "We are certainly not going to sit down and talk about Israel."

Gulam Sajon, a former president of the Islamic Centre, told The CJN that his congregation's leaders have been considering inter-faith talks for some time. Especially, he added, since a federation of Shi'ite communities in North America [about 19] was formed in July last year.

Sajon, now a publicist for the centre, said that one of the projects of the new North American Shi'ite federation was to open a dialogue with Christians and Jews on issues of common concern.

But so far, said Sajon, the centre's imam (religious leader), Zakir Ebaqri, from India, was not yet conversant in English — a fact which has probably inhibited religious exchange, he speculated.

Sajon explained that the centre's sermons were carried out in Urdu, the language of people from India and Pakistan. Prayers, he said, were recited in Arabic, and lectures and study programs in English.

Sajon, who emigrated from Uganda in 1975, remarked that the cultural pluralism of North America made the climate for religious exchange more favorable than elsewhere in the world.

"In Africa, even though I had friends who were Hindu and Ismali (an offshoot of Shi'ite), we would never dream of discussing our religious differences — or similarities. No one ever wanted to talk about those matters," he said.

The man at the centre most likely to pilot an inter-faith project is Mahmoud Ayub, a professor of Islamic and comparative religious studies at the University of Toronto.

Ayub, one of the centre's chief scholars approves of inter-faith talks not only because of their potential to build community goodwill and trust, but also, he said, they open up possibilities for co-operation in more sensitive areas.

Ayub, who is from southern Lebanon, said that co-operation in the political area could follow from discussions based on mutual respect for religious and cultural differences.

Back in Lebanon last Christmas to teach at a Greek Orthodox seminary, Ayub said the conflict in the Middle East was very real to him. Nevertheless, he added, because Canadian Muslims and Jews were more removed from the hostilities, they could possibly be freer to explore the issues.

Ayub is presently working on a translation of the Koran and its commentaries from Arabic texts into English. "My purpose is to familiarize Western readers with the Koran," he said.

Referring to the Conference on Religion and World Peace held in Toronto last November, Ayub, who attended the conference, said that inter-faith dialogue between Jews, Christians and Muslims on mutual concerns of a local nature had been discussed.

Commenting briefly on the conference, Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, national chairman of the Joint Community Relations Committee, said inter-faith talks between Muslims and Jews were so far only in the "exploratory stages."

Pearlson pointed out that the Muslim community in Toronto was very heterogenous. "Many are from areas foreign to Middle Eastern disputes, such as Africa and southeast Asia, and all they want is to find a world where they can live in peace.

"Many others are second and third generation Canadians, and still others are from the Middle East. Each group brings its own mind-set," he said. He indicated that it would be difficult to sit down and talk simultaneously with all these diverse groups.

Protection for disabled proposed in Charter

By MARTIN KROSSEL

TORONTO —

Protecting the disabled against discrimination is one of the items in the proposed Charter of Rights of the Canadian constitution currently under debate in the House of Commons.

Before this protection for the disabled was added, the government claimed the handicapped would be protected by the Charter even though discrimination on the basis of handicap was not included in the list of prohibitions. Originally, the Charter outlawed discrimination only because of race, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, sex or age.

The amendment, "or mental or physical disability," is added to Section 15 of the bill.

David Lepofsky, a spokesman for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, said he rejected the government's initial version because the language of the proposed statute would not allow the courts to extend the Charter's coverage to groups not mentioned.

He also challenged the government's contention that an acceptable definition of "handicapped" or "disabled" could not be found. He said that these terms had been frequently defined in other federal and provincial legislation.

Before the reference to the disabled was added, many organizations not primarily associated with the disabled community urged the government to safeguard the rights of the handicapped. One such organization was Canadian Jewish Congress, which made a presentation to the parliamentary committee on the handicapped last September.

Since Justice Minister Jean Chretien announced major revisions to the government constitutional package last month, the Canadian bureau of the North American Jewish Student Network made two separate representations to the government on the issue.

Lepofsky, who was also a member of the CJC delegation that appeared before the parliamentary committee, said the inclusion of protection for the handicapped in the Charter will have a number of practical benefits, including voiding all legislation that discriminates against the handicapped. This includes statutes in some provinces forbidding blind persons from sitting on juries and permitting employers to pay disabled workers less than the minimum wage.

Jane Lester dies at 100 years of age

TORONTO —

Those who can still recall the King Theatre on College St. will remember the face of the lady in the box office, Jane Lester, who died last week at the Mount Sinai Hospital. Mrs. Lester, who was sharp and alert to the very end, was approximatley 100 years old.

From the 1920s until the late 1940s, she sold tickets six days a week at the King, which was one of the most popular places for entertainment.

During the Depression of the 30s, Jane Lester and her husband, Angel, kept the price of admission at 25 cents so that movies would always be open to entire families. The price of admission included a dish with the Indian Tree design for adults and a free sucker for children.

Jane and Angel Lester, who were both in the garment trade prior coming to Toronto, emigrated from Bristol, England, with three children in 1912. Mrs. Lester worked at a sewing machine out of the family home from the time she was 12. Her husband was a tailor.

Mrs. Lester is survived by three children: Ida Stern, Lionel and Robert Lester; 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Fanny Kendal, Ray Cohen and Sophie King of Toronto, and Ethel Harris of Los Angeles.

The funeral took place Feb. 17 at Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel. Holy Blossom Rabbi Joan Friedman officiated.

Mrs. Lester and her husband were members of the Goel Tzedec Synagogue in Toronto, and when they retired to St. Petersburg, Fla., they helped found the Gulfsport Jewish Community Centre there.

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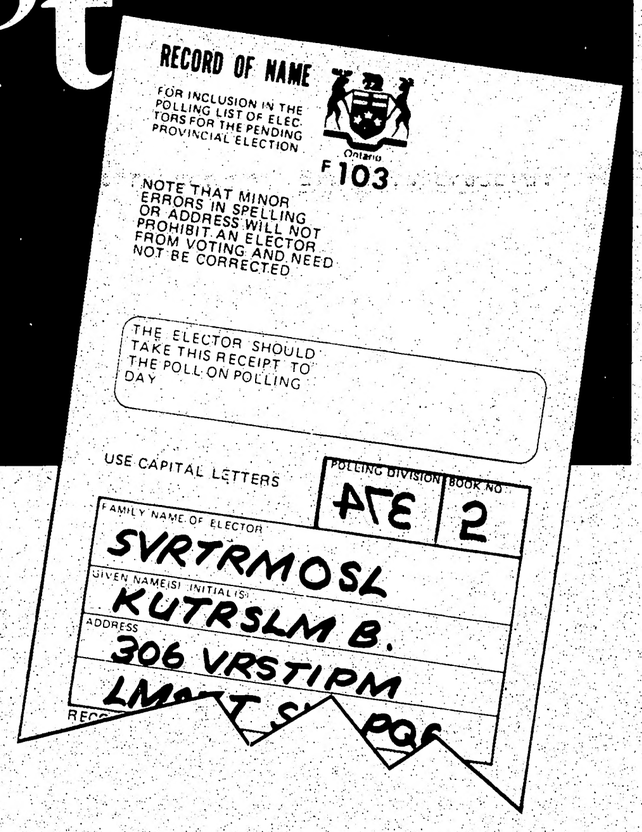
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Foundation pays medical costs letting Latvian Jew enter Canada

By ANDREA PARKER

TORONTO —

Arkady Markh, the 21-year-old Latvian Jew whose entrance to Canada was delayed until a guarantor for expensive kidney treatment was found, will start dialysis in June at Sunnybrook Hospital, according to Khaya Vinograd, a close relative in Toronto.

An article in The Globe and Mail (Jan. 16) reported that Markh's parents received approval to emigrate to Canada, but the young man had been denied landed-immigrant status "because he needs an expensive kidney operation, which relatives in Canada cannot afford."

After the article appeared, the Stephen B. Roman Foundation offered to pay the medical costs, and Arkady and his parents joined his brother Zelik, who already lives in Toronto.

Vinograd said the doctor told her that Arkady will receive a kidney transplant in August or September, but she expects he will be able to leave the hospital soon.

Helen Roman Barber, a spokesman for the foundation, said it is committed to paying $25,000 to $30,000 for the operation and necessary dialysis treatments before the operation.

When the kidneys do not function, dialysis works as a filtering process for the blood, explained a spokesman for the Kidney Foundation of Canada, Ontario branch. "It is a cleansing process that removes the wastes, a job that kidneys normally do."

Vinograd said she decided to publicize the situation while the Markhs were still waiting in Italy after seven months, because "I didn't have another choice. Everybody was sending us all over."

But Gordon Kaufman, national executive director of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS), explained that inquiries had been made about the case and JIAS "had been waiting for word from the ministry of health of the provincial government."

When Kaufman took over the case on Jan. 1, he said that, besides meeting with Zelik, his wife and Mrs. Vinograd every day, he communicated with officials from the Ontario ministry of health and Canadian department of employment and immigration, Ontario region, "who were very understanding on this request for special humanitarian consideration on this case."

He added that "every indication was given that the ministry of health would have assumed the full cost for medical treatment and rehabilitation for Arkady.

"However, the timing for the family was of critical essence and they decided they would meet with the press, particularly The Globe and Mail, and seek means to expedite the procedure to bring Arkady and his parents to Canada."

Kaufman said that, because of the potential financial responsibility, the public sector, meaning OHIP or ministry of health, "should have been the responsible guarantor for the medical treatment. I believe it was a principle agreed to by the ministry."

But before the ministry became the guarantor, Stephen Roman stepped forward and told the deputy minister of health that he would pay the medical costs.

Subsequently, Arkady entered Canada in January under a minister's permit and his parents joined under Designated Classification #1 (for refugees), with a full JIAS guarantee, said Kaufman.

Kaufman also explained that the youth could have received dialysis or a kidney transplant in Rome, "but he refused, feeling that being in Canada with his brother would be a benefit."

World in Hebrew

By JOSEPH KLINGER

עובדתון: מכון קרן התורבות:
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מאת: הדסה רוזנבוג

אחת החפירות המעניינות ביותר התנהלה בערד ה-נמצאת כ-30 ק"מ מזרחה לבאר שבע. עיר מודרנית נאה זו המתגאה היום ב-אוירה הצח והיבש היא אחת הנקודות היפות בנגב. מתברר שגם בתקופת התנ"ך היה כאן ישוב בעל חשיבות לא קטנה. בתקופת מלכי י-הודה היתה העיר ידועה בשם "נגב ערד". היא עמדה בצומת רשת דרכים חשובה. המצודה שנבנתה בערד הגנה לא רק על הגבול הדרומי של ממלכת יהודה אלא גם על אוחזות הסוחרים שעברו ב-תחומה. מכל התגליות שהעלו החופרים בעוד ההפתעה הג-דולה ביותר היתה גלוי ביח-המקדש שבערד. מקדש זה הוא היחידי הידוע בארץ מהתקופה הישראלית, מחוץ לירושלים. בזעיר אנפין דומה מקדש זה לבית-המקדש בירושלים. כמו המקדש בירושלים שנבנה ע"י שלמה המלך כולל המקדש ב-ערד אולם, היכל ודביר, ואף מזבח העולה נמצא ב-מקום. הוא נבנה חומר ו-אבנים בלחי מסותתות לפי החוק המקראי: "ואם מזבח אבנים תעשה לי, לא תבנה אותה גזית כי חרבך הנפת עליה ותחללה" (שמות כ, כה). כתובות רבות נמצאו בערד, רובן הן אוסטרוקונים כ-לומר חרסים ששמשו כחומר כתיבה וכתבו עליהם בדיו, הן מלמדות הרבה על הלך החיים בתקופת התנ"ך. כמו כן מלמדות הן הרבה על הכתב העברי הקדום שבו נכתבו. מצודת ערד ובית מקדשה נהרסו על-ידי ה-בבלים בתקופת יהויקים מלך יהודה. זמן קצר לפני כבוש ירושלים. בית המקדש שוחזר באופן חלקי והוקם במוזיאון ישראל בירושלים.

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86 אחוזים מתוך 665 אלף תיירים שהשתתפו בסקר של הלשכה המרכזית לסטטיסטיקה, הביעו סיפוק מביקורם בי-שראל. הסקר נערך בנמל ה-תעופה בן-גוריון בין החו-דשים פברואר-ספטמבר 1979. בסקר התברר כי 57 אחוזים מהתיירים הגדירו את בי-קורם בארץ כ"טוב מאוד" ו-29 אחוזים "טוב". רק 7 אחוזים הגדירו את ביקורם כ"מספיק" ו-3 אחוזים כ"רע".

בן 90 מל את נינו:

המוהל הישיש, הרב אברהם מרציאנו, בן 90, תושב קרית-שמונה אשר מל בעצמו את כל בניו, נכדיו וניניו - מל לא מכבר את נינו, אהוד אברהם. בעבר זכה הרב מרצי-אנו למול את אביו של הרך הנולד, שהוא נכדו של מרצי-אנו הישיש. המוהל ביצע את המילה בזריזות מפתיעה, ול-מחרת נלקח הרך הנולד לבדיקה רפואית וזו העלתה כי המילה בוצעה ללא דופי.

ערוץ שני לטלויזיה:

הועדה לבחינת הקמתו של ה-ערוץ השני בטלויזיה, שיה-יה ערוץ מסחרי וישדר בצבע סיימה את עבודתה והיא עו-מדת להגיש את המלצותיה ל-שרי האוצר, התקשורת והחי-נוך. הועדה ממליצה כי הערוץ השני ינוהל כחברה עסקית פרטית, ולא במתכונת או כחלק מרשות השידור. כדי לפצות את העתונות על הפגיעה ה-צפויה בה מהנהגת פרסומות בטלויזיה, ממליצה הוועדה למסור לעתונות העברית היו-מית את הבעלות על חברה ע-צמאית, שתהיה בעלת זכיון להפקת משדרי החדשות ועניני היום בערוץ המסחרי, ותקבל הכנסות מפרסומות לפני ואח-רי החדשות, וכן חלק מהכ-נסות הפרסומת של הערוץ כולו.

מערכת החינוך תמנע מקבלת מורים לא-מוסמכים:

למרות המחסור הקיים ב-עובדי הוראה, תמנע מערכת החינוך מקבלת מורים בלתי-מוסמכים ולא תקבל תלמידים לסמינרים למורים אם אין להם תעודת בגרות.

Historic visit made

JERUSALEM —

The fruits of peace and cooperation became more firmly planted when the Egyptian Minister of Agriculture spoke recently at the Hebrew University.

Professor Mahmoud Daoud's visit to the university's faculty of agriculture at Rehovot was the first public lecture in Israel by an Egyptian personality since President Anwar Sadat's Knesset speech.

"The peace initiative has borne fruit and we are here today to see and learn and to contribute to you from our experience and knowledge as farmers and Egyptians," said Daoud.

As well, the former dean of the School of Agriculture at the University of Alexandria, said, "Egypt is attempting to further intensify the country's agriculture."

Possible earth shattering find

TEL AVIV —

After biologists have spent nearly a century scouring fields in the Middle East, Dr. Mordechai Kislev, an archeobotanist of Bar-Ilan University, thinks he has located the immediate forefather of modern bread wheat.

Naming the new plant "triticum parvicoccum," Dr. Kislev has shown that the small wheat kernels and ears unearthed at many prehistoric sites, including those in Israel, cannot be identified with any extant plant species.

The missing link in wheat evolution was extensively cultivated about 7,000 years ago, but after the final biological step producing modern bread wheat (triticum aestivum) occurred, parvicoccum culture was slowly abandoned.

The theory developed at Bar-Ilan is that wild emmer wheat gave rise to domesticated emmer which, in turn, led to triticum parvicoccum. It was the latter which combined with a second wild wheat, triticum tauschii, to give bread wheat. An alternate theory, popular until the Kislev discovery is that domesticated emmer combined with tauschii to give spelt wheat, which then led to modern bread wheat.

Interesting experiments by scientists at the Canadian Department of Agriculture in Winnipeg have provided some strong backing for the Bar-Ilan theory. Using special genetic techniques, Dr. E. R. Kerber has been able to remove the tauschii genecomponent from bread wheat, and was able to grow plants of a type which should have the genetic composition of the immediate forefather.

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Sunday, March 1 - Guest Speaker: DR. ERIC FAWCETT, Prof. of Physics, U. of T. Topic: "SCIENCE, RELIGION & THE ARMS RACE".

Sunday, March 8 - Guest Speaker: ELI EYAL, of Israel, Chairman, Hasbara Committee, World Zionist Organization (courtesy Canadian Zionist Federation, Central Region).

Sunday, March 15 - Guest Speaker: RABBI HENRY HOSCHANDER, Spiritual Leader, Shaarei Shomayim, Community Leader. Topic: "WHAT'S IN STORE FOR THE FUTURE?"

Sunday, March 22 - Guest Speaker: BEN KAYFETZ, National Executive Director, Joint Community Relations Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress. Topic: "ANTI-SEMITISM IN CANADA".

Sunday, March 29 - Guest Speaker: T.B.A. Topic: "CANCER MONTH" with slides.

SISTERHOOD - Monday, March 16, 8 p.m. - Cooking demonstration by SHARON ZEILER, dietitian and nutrition specialist.

YOUNG COUPLES CLUB - Sunday, March 15, 11:30 a.m. - Brunch. Guest Speaker: JUDY SINGER, an artist who exhibited her work at Pollock's Gallery, Beth Tzedec and Holy Blossom. Topic: "HOW TO LOOK AT MODERN ART".

SYNAGOGUE ACTIVITIES

Megilat Esther - Thursday, March 19, 7:00 p.m.
in Sanctuary - Reading of the Megilah with goodies and gregors for the kids.

Friday, March 20 - Purim Day - Morning Services and reading of the Megilah at 7:15 & 9:00 a.m., followed by our regular morning breakfasts.

Pesach Seders - Saturday evening, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday evening, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. - the Synagogue will be holding Pesach Seders with catered festive meals. Recitation of the Haggadah by Rabbi Dr. David Monson and Cantor David Bagley. For reservations call the Synagogue Office.

Annual Concert - Sunday, May 3, 8:00 p.m. - our Annual Concert, in celebration of Yom Ha'Atzmaut - an extravaganza evening of entertainment and humor featuring GEULA GILL, international singer and entertainer and SEYMOUR KLEINMAN, Yiddish comedian and humorist, with CANTOR DAVID BAGLEY in Concert, accompanied by GORDON KUSHNER at the piano. Donors of $50 will receive two tickets and a receipt for tax purposes. A limited number of unreserved seats at $10 per person. Tickets are on sale at Synagogue Office.

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SAT., MARCH 14: 8:30 P.M., BETH TZEDEC YOUTH presents a musical evening featuring "S A F A M", one of America's leading Jewish musical groups. Added attraction: a song cycle by Kim Kowarsky, who will accompany herself on the guitar. Tickets available at Negev Bookstore and Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Adults, $5 - Children $3.

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Arts

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CHAT ENTERTAINERS

The Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto recently held a talent day. Here [from left] Suzie Mammon, Michael Bondar and Ruthie Mammon sing, one of 18 acts put on by CHAT students.

That we remember Auschwitz is one survivor's goal in life

By JUDITH KNELMAN

Kitty Felix was a teenager when she and her mother landed in Auschwitz in 1942. For a year and a half she endured a way of life so unimaginably difficult that she herself has had to erase it from her memory in order to get on with day-to-day living.

She soon got to the point, she says, where death in the mass meant almost nothing to her. It made no impact, though she realized it was happening. It was only when a single death occurred before her eyes, or a friend was taken away to be gassed, that she reacted emotionally.

Eventually she and her mother settled in England, where she later married and raised two sons. Her life now is settled and secure. As an attractive, middle-aged British matron working in an X-ray clinic, she is light years away from the sordid, frantic yet unenthusiastic battle for survival at Auschwitz. "Believe me, it was easy to lose the will to live," she says over and over again, when recounting her experiences there.

She didn't, because her mother kept her going spiritually and she kept her mother going physically.

Barely removed from childhood, she retained what she calls the instinctive cunning of a child and darted here and there in the camp to snatch unattended crusts of bread and to hide whenever she was where she shouldn't be.

The donors were mostly the newly dead, who she quickly realized wouldn't need their bread rations and clothing. She managed to find jobs that involved disposal of the dead, because then she had access to a few extra bits of food to smuggle to her mother. Another job she found herself lucky to have was that of latrine cleaner. Her graphic description of how she carried pails of excrement away and disposed of it is dispassionate and as amusing as it is disgusting.

Because she wants the world to remember Auschwitz, and to believe it, Kitty Felix Hart recently invited a Yorkshire television crew to accompany her as she returned to show the camp to her grown son David, a Canadian. The result of her journey is a television program that deserves wide and lasting exposure. It's called simply Kitty: Return to Auschwitz, and was shown this month on the U.S. public television network.

It's a little less comfortable to see the latrines — where inmates vied and pushed to be allowed the privilege of a seat — that this well-dressed and articulate woman once considered herself fortunate enough to clean than it would be to read about them.

And it's haunting to watch her retread the path people took to the showers and stand on the very ground she had to stand on as she prepared friends that she'd nursed back to health to be taken away to be gassed so there'd be more room in the infirmary for a new shipment of patients.

It was haunting for her, too, she tells us. It was many months before she was able to wipe the visit out of her conscious mind, to stop reliving the horror and enjoy her pleasant life in England.

But, she says, she could not let denials of the Holocaust go by. She felt an obligation to those who died in it, and the rest of us have an obligation to watch her fulfil it.

Cohen would have been shocked by play that portrays him as a hero

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

"Nathan Cohen: A Review" has come to the end of its run at Theatre Passe Muraille. It was less than a box office smash and its panning by the critics should not obscure what merit there was in the play.

In large measure it was a labor of love for playwright Rick Salutin, who set himself the unenviable task of writing a play without a plot and keeping his review of Cohen's career meticulously accurate.

Those who follow the Toronto theatre scene closely owe a debt to Salutin and to director Paul Thompson for the ingenious ways they found to lighten the heavy message Cohen bore about the need for indigenous theatre. Thompson, in fact, gave it inspired direction in the way he recreated Cohen's "Fighting Words" TV show, his "Critically Speaking" radio broadcasts and his assaults on the Canadian theatre establishment whether at Stratford or the Royal Alex.

In playing Cohen, Douglas Campbell imbued the character with the nervous energy, irritability and occasional pompousness that were true to life, but he also captured the critic's self-deprecation, humor and honesty — a fact which the Toronto reviewers missed completely.

Miles Potter did well, too, as the harder-to-play younger Cohen and as the U.S. playwright Clifford Odets, but David Bolt was less successful in portraying the editor of the Vochenblatt, the Toronto Jewish weekly paper where Cohen worked early in his career.

The scenes taking place in the newspaper office were the weakest in the production and got the play off to a rocky start. Bolt was unbelievable as the editor and Jo-Ann McIntyre, as his secretary, gave no indication that she knew how real people in newspaper offices behave. She didn't do well as stripper Gypsy Rose Lee, either, but redeemed herself nicely as the middle-class mother making her annual pilgrimage to the Stratford Festival.

Salutin told The CJN that he set out to write a play that would hold the attention of people who had heard of Cohen or had never read his stuff. He failed. On opening night the theatre veterans in the audience [Jane Mallett for example] were giving the play an enthusiastic reception, but younger people were silent, waiting for blockbuster one-liners which never came.

Nathan Cohen once wrote a play about labor struggles in Cape Breton, N.S., where he was born, and the critics gleefully tore it apart. Now, many years later, it appears that a few critics still feel they have a score to settle. Why else would McKenzie Porter in The Toronto Sun, in reviewing the play, start out by describing Cohen as a "literary windbag and social poseur?"

Porter's account also carried this curious paragraph: "Cohen's posthumous reputation has been puffed up by a coterie of academics, artifacts, dilettantes and gossip writers who appear to be searching desperately if inexplicably for a Jewish cultural idol."

What Salutin and Thompson gave us was essentially a diverting stage biography of Cohen, a docudrama of sorts. If they had been satisfied to keep it at that, to appeal to those who knew what Cohen did, and failed to do, for Canadian theatre, they would have achieved their goal.

But they foundered when they decided to advertise it as a musical revue with the implicit corollary that it would appeal to a mass audience. There is not much drama in the hard, slugging work which Cohen did. He would have been astonished, I think, to know that in an attempt to add universality to the theme, the play would suggest in its last few moments that he was a hero.

Magnificent show at McLaughlin until May 3

TORONTO —

Jupiter and Saturn are the focus for a new show called Voyages to Giant Worlds at the McLaughlin Planetarium until May 3.

Last November, Planetarium producer Paul Deans was at mission control in Pasadena, California, to observe and collect information on the historic flyby of Saturn by spacecraft Voyager 1.

The magnificent visuals he obtained of the Saturn space probe and the earlier flyby of Jupiter, form the basis of the climactic last scenes in this informative new show, a spokesman for the Planetarium said.

The presentation opens with a look at the night sky, including the positions and motions of Jupiter and Saturn. The solar system is then briefly examined.

The show then follows Voyagers 1 and 2 as they explore Jupiter and its four largest moons, and later reach the many-ringed world of Saturn.

The schedule for shows is Tuesday to Friday at 3 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 12.30 p.m., 1.45 p.m., 3 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. Prices are $1.75 for adults and $1 for senior citizens, students and children.

Stratford opens June 4

TORONTO —

The Stratford Festival will present eight productions in a 22-week season from June 4 to Oct. 31 and the official 1981 opening will be on June 15, consulting artistic director John Hirsch announced last week.

Shakespeare's "Coriolanus," "The Taming of the Shrew," and "The Comedy of Errors," and "The Misanthrope" by Moliere will be performed at the Festival Theatre.

"H.M.S. Pinafore" by Gilbert and Sullivan, "The Rivals," by Richard Sheridan, "The Visit" by Friederich Durrenmatt, and "Wild Oats" by John O'Keeffe will be performed at the Avon Theatre.

Brian Bedford, Len Cariou, Danielle Darrieux and William Hutt will head the acting company, said Hirsch. Bedford will also direct Coriolanus and The Rivals.

Jean Gascon will direct The Misanthrope and The Visit; Leon Major will direct H.M.S. Pinafore; and Peter Dews will direct The Taming of the Shrew and The Comedy of Errors.

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March 1 Board of Jewish Education - Rekudiyah Dance Festival, York University, Tait McKenzie Building, 3 p.m.

March 3 TJC T'nach Study Group - Job Chapters 14 & 15, Lecturer Dr. I. Cass, Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St., 8:15 p.m.

March 8 Board of Jewish Education - Local Bible Contest in English for all Supplementary Hebrew Schools, Temple Sinai, 216 Wilson Ave., 2 p.m.

March 10 Hadassah–WIZO Choir Israeli Cabaret, Baycrest Home for the Aged, 3560 Bathurst St., 7:30 p.m.

March 15 North East Branch Jewish Community Centre - Purim Concert for Family featuring Fran Avni, folk singer, Highland Jewish High School, Don Mills & Cliffwood, 2 shows, 1:30 & 3:30 p.m.

March 17 Beth Tzedec Plus 50 Group welcomes the Hadassah–WIZO Choir, Beth Tzedec, 1700 Bathurst St., 1:15 p.m.

March 17 TJC T'nach Study Group, Job Chapters 16 & 17, Lecturer Sy Langer, Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St., 8:15 p.m.

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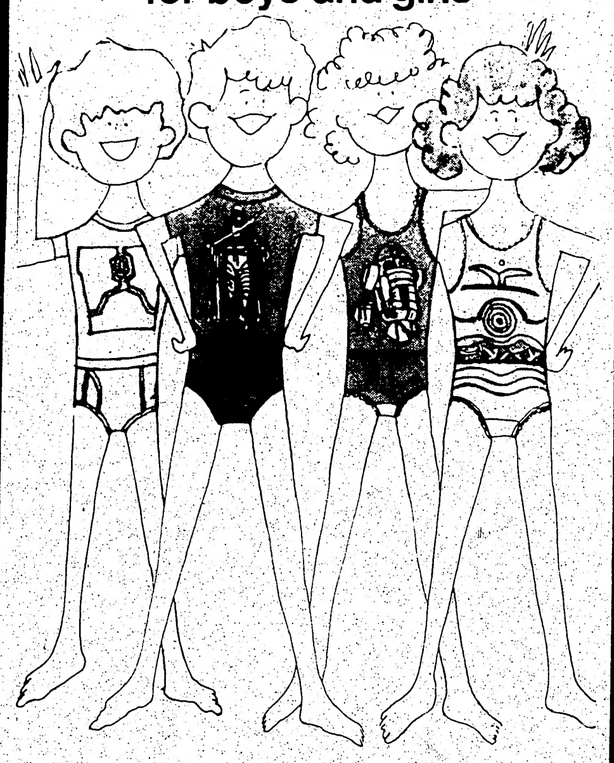

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Vladimir Nabokov who died in 1977 was often suggested as a likely possibility for the Nobel Prize in literature. He was a prolific writer whose complete works in Russian and English would, if collected, come to 40 volumes.

Born in what is now Leningrad of an aristocratic family, he left Russia after the revolution, studied at Cambridge and lived in several European capitals before coming to the United States in 1940.

For close to 20 years the elegant and erudite writer taught at a number of universities, including Wellesley and Cornell. He introduced a generation of undergraduates to the delights of great fiction.

"Lolita" (New York 1958) is the closest he came to a popular work of art. Its success provided precious leisure for intensive writing, and he gave up his teaching duties.

Always a master of language — all the more remarkable for one whose mother tongue was not English — he was also an imaginative and satirical analyst of the social scene. In addition to his supreme literary gifts and wide learning he brought to bear "the foreigner's innocent eye."

Here published for the first time are his renowned lectures on "Mansfield Park" by Jane Austen; "Bleak House" by Charles Dickens; "Madame Bovary" by Gustave Flaubert; "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" by Robert Louis Stevenson; "Swann's Way" by Marcel Proust; "The Metamorphosis" by Franz Kafka, and "Ulysses" by James Joyce.

Nabokov was a superb teacher, always seeking to discover the author's intent. His concern was style, structure and the intricacies of plot rather than philosophy or grand ideas: "We should always remember that the work of art is invariably the creation of a new world, so that the first thing we should do is to study that new world as closely as possible, approaching it as something brand new."

Concerned with clarifying the meaning of the text he drew sketches of the layout of the grounds of Mansfield Park, Bloom's and Stephen's comings and goings in Ulysses, the facade of Dr. Jekyll's house, and so forth. These interesting sketches are reproduced in the book.

In essence, the author of these lucid lectures teaches us how to read with greater attention and how to dilate our imagination. Above all, he is concerned that literature should provide pleasure, perhaps even thrill us. "It seems to me," he says, "that a good formula to test the quality of a novel is, in the long run, a merging of the precision of poetry and the intuition of science. In order to bask in that magic, a wise reader reads the book of genius not with his heart, not so much with his brian, but with his spine. It is there that occurs the telltale tingle. Then with a pleasure which is both sensual and intellectual we shall watch the artist build his castle of cards and watch the castle of cards become a castle of beautiful steel and glass."

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Michael Russinek winner of Galper scholarship; plays with Toronto Symphony Youth Orchestra

music

By RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO —

Principal Ezra Schabas of the Royal Conservatory of Music has announced that Michael Russinek is the first winner of the recently established Avrahm Galper clarinet scholarship. The talented 12-year-old student, who lives on Harbourview Crescent in Thornhill, is a Grade 7 student at Woodland Senior Public School.

Michael started playing clarinet at age 8 and joined the Thornhill Community Band, in which his older brother Jacques (Jo Jo), then aged 10, played trumpet. Formal clarinet studies, however, began only a year ago when he became a Galper's student at the Royal Conservatory of Music.

The combination of musical ability, hours of dedicated practice, and Galper's expert guidance, have produced the exceptional progress that enabled Michael to win the scholarship, according to the Conservatory.

Michael also finds time to play clarinet in the Toronto Symphony Youth Orchestra and the North York Repertory Company Orchestra. His musical aptitude is shared by sister Nadine, 17, who plays guitar, and Jo Jo, 14, who plays trumpet in the North York Repertory Company Orchestra. His father, Robert, is a chartered accountant with the department of consumer and corporate affairs; his mother, Dahlia, teaches Grades 1-2 at the Leo Baeck Day School.

The family are members of Temple Har Zion, where Michael is a Grade 7 student in the religious school.

But this young man is not at all one-dimensional in his interest. He also excels in sports. He has played centre and defence with the atom and minor atom hockey teams of Thornhill Thunderbirds in the Ontario Minor Hockey Association. Two years ago, he played defence with Metro St. Andrews Soccer Club and, last year, he played with Thornhill Soccer Club. Michael's hobby is collecting key chains, of which he is proud owner of 31.

Michael Russinek

The scholarship was founded and directed by Dr. Michael Sanders in honor of Galper, who recently retired after 30 years with the Toronto Symphony. In setting up the award, Sanders wished to pay tribute to the outstanding contributions that Galper has made to music in Canada, and clarinet education in particular.

Galper, whose numerous achievements include serving as principal clarinetist with the Israel Philharmonic and Toronto Symphony, as well as being a foremost clarinet instructor, is an ardent Zionist and long standing member of the Friends of Pioneering Israel. Of Galper's five children, his daughter Chaya has made aliya.

The Galper scholarship is the first major scholarship in Canada devoted to clarinet studies. Some 250 friends, students, collegues and admirers of Galper have created a capital fund to date of $16,000. This unprecedented response represents, by far, the largest joint effort in the history of the Royal Conservatory of Music.

The Gulper Sholarship Fund is already the fourth largest of the 64 scholarships available at the conservatory. It will allow an annual scholarship of $1,000 and three bursaries of $250 each to be awarded to promising and deserving students such as Michael Russinek.

Young students play politics

TORONTO —

Three 13-year-old Scarborough students will confront elected representatives and officials of the federal, provincial and civic governments, in a 6-part radio series, beginning March 6 at 2.04 p.m., on the Canadian school broadcasts program.

These men have agreed to share their insights about the government in informal discussion on the "How our government works" series for students in Grades 4 to 6, a CBC spokesman said.

Each 3-part program first features a dramatic episode; then students expressing their ideas and opinions about power, politicians and the administration of government services, and finally a meeting with the representatives and officials.

The students who will do the interviewing are Gina Alexandris, George Steinsky and Mark Nahorniak.

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Travel

There's more to San Diego than its famous zoo

By JAMES MONTAGNES

SAN DIEGO, Calif. —

In this Pacific coast city just north of the Mexican border you never need worry about it being too cold or too hot. The temperature ranges from 18 to 25 Celsius (65 to 78 Fahrenheit) — the coldest in January, the warmest in August.

Tourism is the third industry in this metropolitan area of almost two million people. The United States naval base is the main industry, followed by the aerospace business.

The climate has helped to give the city probably more museums and visitor attractions than any other similar size region on the continent.

When this travel reporter visited San Diego not long ago, the widespread fame of its zoo made it one of the first places to visit. And it was not a disappointment. The San Diego Zoo claims to have more wild animals to see than any other zoo in the world. You can walk throughout the 100-acre park, take guided bus tours, and even travel an aerial tramway over a section of the zoo.

Horse-and-buggy is ideal for touring San Diego's old section.

There are some 5,000 animals, birds and reptiles here in open areas, separated from the visitors by wide moats or in large fenced in areas. And if this is not enough there is the San Diego Wild Animal Park 30 miles (48 kilometres) north of downtown where more thousands of big game animals roam over 1,800 acres of simulated African scenery.

Not everyone cares for zoos and San Diego has much more. In Balboa Park, a 1,400-acre area of parkland and palm trees, there are numerous museum buildings, some dating back to the 1935 California Pacific Exhibition. There are two fine art galleries, a Museum of Man housed in a Spanish colonial building constructed for the 1915 San Diego Exposition, an Aerospace Museum with many old planes, a Space Theatre where you can experience simulated space travel, a Museum of Natural History which over more than 100 years has developed a fine collection of bird and sea life of the region.

There is a House of Pacific Relations in Balboa Park, a series of cottages and small buildings housing exhibits from 21 countries, including Canada and Israel. Native crafts, music and dances are given on the lawns in front of each cottage on certain days.

West coast settlements started in the San Diego area. One of the most popular historic sites is Cabrillo National Monument where Portuguese explorer Juan Cabrillo brought his two small Spanish caravels ashore in September 1542. Settlement by colonists brought over by religious organizations did not start for another 200 years.

A lighthouse was built in 1850 at the site where Cabrillo landed and an annual Cabrillo Festival is held the last week of September each year with a re-enactment of the landing in 1542.

San Diego's early settlement had Spanish, Mexican and United States administrations. In the old part of the city you can still see some of the adobe buildings of the Mexican era dating back to 1825. In this part of the city you'll find olive, fig, cork and eucalyptus trees in the central plaza and a subtropical flower garden in Presidio Park.

The city has one of the finest harbors on the Pacific coast, which is one reason the United States Navy has its main base there.

In the harbor are two man-made islands, Shelter Island with marinas and boat yards and numerous Pacific region restaurants, and Harbor Island, a resort complex.

There are harbor boat tours with fine views of naval vessels, the islands, the city's skyline and its waterfront airport.

Mission Bay Park is a 4,600-acre recreation area with 27 miles (43 km) of beaches, hotels, restaurants, sports facilities and one of the oceanariums where dolphins and whales perform several times a day, where you can see sharks, walrus, seals and otters. You can watch surfers riding the long rollers from the Pacific on many of the 70 miles (112 km) of beaches in various sections of the city.

If you like to travel with your golf clubs, you will find that San Diego and neighborhood have well over 60 golf courses and country clubs, many of which are open to visitors.

Part of San Diego is the artist colony of La Jolla, a scenic spot on the coast you should not miss. Here besides the beautiful homes and parks there are sea caves to explore, an Institute of Oceanography and a state park with strange-looking bent pine trees.

South of the city is the Mexican border into Tijuana with bull fights, jai alai games and year-round weekend horse races. You'll get a taste of Mexican life and food there.

San Diego and environs have almost a dozen synagogues, Orthodox, Conservative and Reform, various community organizations, and for those desiring kosher food there are hotels and restaurants catering to these needs.

Big Judaica collection in Florida; library has something for everyone

GAINESVILLE, Fla. —

The University of Florida will dedicate its 55,000-volume Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica March 8 in ceremonies honoring a Jacksonville family who gave the university $400,000 to support and expand the collection.

Real estate developers Jack and Samuel Price gave the endowment in honor of their mother, Rae, and their late father, Isser. Mr. and Mrs. Price were instrumental in establishing the Jacksonville Jewish Centre in the late 1920s.

In addition to being the largest library of Judaica in the southeast, UF's collection is second in size only to UCLA's among state-supported institutions.

"The library is something for everyone to use," said Mrs. Price, a widow for 34 years. "It has long been needed and it will live on and on. I hope other people will do something like this for someone who's still alive and not wait until they're gone. I've always believed in something others can use and enjoy."

The library of Judaica, part of UF's 7-year-old Centre for Jewish Studies, includes the 40,000-volume Mishkin Collection, gathered by Rabbi Leonard C. Mishkin of Chicago. It contains books, pamphlets, periodicals, serials, encyclopedias, bibliographies and essays concentrating on the political, social, economic and intellectual history of Jewish culture. Mishkin is a former supervisor of Orthodox Hebrew education in Chicago and professor at Hebrew Theological College in Skokie, Ill.

Harvard librarian Dr. Charles Berlin called the Mishkin collection "the major collection of Judaica in the southeast . . . It implies a commitment to the development of a substantial program in Jewish studies at the university."

Scholars Nahum Glatzer (left) and Barry Mesch inspect one of the 55,000 volumes of the Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica.

He said its acquisition catapults UF "into the ranks of the larger universities and indeed would surpass universities with long established programs and collections in Jewish studies such as Wisconsin, Indiana, Texas and Duke, and, in many areas, Brandeis."

"Mishkin collected the books all his life," said his nephew, Dr. Barry Mesch, director of UF's centre for Jewish Studies, which he helped found in 1973.

Mishkin sold the collection, said Mesch, who used to browse through the collection as a child, because "he wanted it to stay together and he wanted it to be used. He knew it would be used at the University of Florida."

A $101,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities helped set up the library in temporary quarters in Library East and helped begin the massive job of cataloguing the collection.

Judaica librarian Robert Singerman, who has been directing the cataloguing, said he hopes to use the Price endowment to enrich the collection, especially with works in French, German and Hebrew, and to prepare guides, reading lists and other resource materials to facilitate the library's use.

The UF collection probably ranks in the top 15 among all Judaica libraries in the nation.

The university added 4,200 volumes to the collection in 1978. This assemblage of modern Hebrew literature and poetry was purchased from the late Prof. Shlomo Marenof, who had retired to Sarasota after teaching at Brandeis and the University of Detroit. Later, the entire inventory of a second-hand bookstore specializing in Yiddish and Hebrew books was added.

"Ours is one of the best resources on a national and state level for Judaica," Singerman said. "The bulk of our collection can be circulated, making it particularly useful to doctoral students concentrating on Hebrew literature, history or philosophy."

Hilton a big winner

By BARUCH SAVILLE

TEL AVIV —

Israel's largest hotel, the Tel Aviv Hilton, has the distinction of gaining top position in four independently run popularity polls in the past year.

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Dining out in Vienna

VIENNA (JCNS) —

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Exciting, frustrating times for retired community worker

the professionals

By JOAN ALEXANDER

This is one of a continuing series on The Professionals, the men and women keep the Jewish community's services and institutions running. The first professionals to be profiled will be those who have served the community for at least two decades.

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By the time Ben Schneider joined the United Jewish Welfare Fund in 1959, Toronto's Jewish community was "an ongoing, growing situation." The centralized efforts of the Welfare Fund since 1917 to form an integrated community had been largely successful. Says Schneider: "Toronto had done a magnificent job of integrating the large number of post-World War II immigrants."

As executive vice-president of the Welfare Fund, Schneider continued to direct the prodigious growth of the Jewish community.

Shortly after he retired in 1975, the Welfare Fund merged with the Toronto component of Canadian Jewish Congress to form the Toronto Jewish Congress. Says he: "Here you have an umbrella organization which has major planning, co-ordinating, and fund raising responsibilities. Its member agencies provide functional service programs. The organization is quite effective."

An American who became a Canadian citizen, Schneider was active in the social services before he came to Toronto. When he was at Fordham University in New York City, he worked part-time as a camp and activities director in a settlement house supported by the Jewish Federation in New York. After he received his Master of Social Work degree from Columbia, he worked for the United Service of New Americans, an immigration and resettlement agency for incoming Jewish immigrants after World War II.

But, it was his work as field consultant for the Council of Jewish Federations, and association of Jewish organizations and welfare funds, that led him to Toronto. He began as director of social planning, became the campaign director of the United Jewish Appeal (the fund raising arm of the Welfare Fund) shortly after, and retained both positions. A few years later, when his predecessor retired, "a progression right within the organization" led him to the executive vice-presidency.

"There were so many things happening at that time," says Schneider. "It was a period of tremendous growth and expansion. The whole day school movement began to really expand. At that time, the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) came into existence.

"You were not dealing with bricks and mortar," Schneider explains. "You were dealing with a process of growth, of governance of community, and the involvement of a broad segment of people in the community. Nothing could have happened because a civil servant wanted it to happen. There had to be involvement of leadership."

Among the leaders Schneider lists with admiration and enthusiasm are Irving Oelbaum, Ray Wolfe, Sam Sable, Ben Sadowski, and Mark Levy. "These were tremendous people. The leadership was outstanding. It gave everything that happened in the community tremendous impetus," he says.

Throughout his discussion of the development of effective social programming, Schneider stresses the co-operation of various people and organizations in the Jewish community. For example, when the need for non-institutionalized services for the elderly was realized, the Welfare Fund, in co-operation with the Baycrest Centre, Mount Sinai Hospital, YMHA and the Jewish Family & Child Service, took the steps which led to the development of Co-ordinated Services to Jewish Elderly.

In addition, when employment opportunities for senior citizens became a major concern, the Welfare Fund, with the help of the Jewish Vocational Service and the Baycrest Centre, developed the Atlas Workshop, now located in the Baycrest Terrace.

According to Schneider, forces also combined when Jerry Diamond of JF&CS became concerned with behavioral problems at the day schools. In this instance, the Welfare Fund, JF&CS, JVS and the Board of Jewish Education joined with the schools to develop an effective guidance and counselling program. At that time, Schneider received a special grant from the Oelbaum family to begin the program.

"When I say the Welfare Fund had a role and was involved," says Schneider, "I mean you can't put your finger on it. These are intangible ways in which we operated."

For example, in the mid-60s, JF&CS sought more funding for its child-care programs. At the time, the provincial government had a philosophy to amalgamate child-care agencies and to eliminate sectarian services. However, JF&CS was not forced to change its status in terms of services rendered or funding received.

"We, the Welfare Fund and JF&CS," declares Schneider, "made a joint approach to government. It was not only JF&CS that went to government to discuss the grant to the JF&CS child-care program. When the total Jewish community went, it was a different picture."

Likewise, Schneider says the Welfare Fund influenced a community-oriented group of people to buy The Canadian Jewish News. The Welfare Fund agreed to buy a set number of subcriptions to assure community support of the paper. "This was a very significant step for the community," says Schneider.

Just as siginficant was the development of a re-training program for 22 Russian doctors who came to Toronto as new immigrants. Because of his

Ben Schneider

USNA experience, Schneider recognized the problems, suggested answers to the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, which, in turn, launched a successful program (CJN, Feb. 12).

During this time when growth and change simultaneously affected many parts of the Jewish community, Schneider says the need to clarify the roles of agencies and the role of the Welfare Fund became evident. When war broke out in Israel in 1967, the efforts of the community needed to be integrated.

Then, the major institutions — the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Welfare Fund, B'nai B'rith, and the Zionist Organization of Canada — developed a committee and assigned responsibilities to each organization. The success of the committee demonstrated the value of integrated efforts.

"By this time," Schneider asserts, "there were areas of duplication in services, planning, and community programs between the Welfare Fund and Canadian Jewish Congress. But more important, there was duplication of leadership. Some of the same people were sitting on both boards.

"The Welfare Fund realized that for fund raising, education, and social planning, it should have a broader base in the community. We made an effort to involve a broad segment of the community — societies, synagogues, landsmanshaften — into the governance of the Jewish community. The political process just went on until there was an effective merger.

"I look at the political development," he says, "and all the social and economic factors that emanate from this. None of it is a single thread. It's almost comparable to the political development of Metropolitan Toronto."

When asked to sum up his career, Schneider does not find it easy. "There were exciting times," he replies, "moments of frustration, disappointment, but also of great, great exhilaration. I saw the community respond in 67 and 73 to the Israeli war crises. It was a spontaneous, supportive effort. To have been on the inside of the happenings was a rare privilege."

Indeed, Schneider is still on the inside. His retirement in 1975 was not conventional. He is still hard at work. Today, he is the consultant to the Toronto Jewish Congress Bequest and Endowment Fund. Its purpose is to provide funds for local community services.

Schneider is also helping co-ordinate the plans for building the new Jewish Community Services Building on site at the northern Jewish Community Centre. And he is a volunteer in the UJA campaign.

"I am the characteristic Canadian civil servant," says Schneider. "I am not concerned with titles. I am a behind-the-scenes man. I do only what I think is sound, important and good for the community."

15 Torontonians named to CJF

TORONTO —

Fifteen members of the Toronto Jewish community have been selected as year-round delegates to the Council of Jewish Federations, the association of federations, welfare funds and community councils which serve Jewish communities in North America.

The local delegates will be part of a representative body of 700 lay readers who will act as "the functional link" between CJF and the communities.

According to the CJF, the year-round delegate system was developed "to reflect the recommendations of a CJF review which determined that direct involvement by a broad segment of top and emerging community leaders would augment Council's effectiveness as the central consultative resource for local federations in all major service areas."

The Toronto delegates are: Ron Appleby, Gay Berger, Madeleine Epstein, Dr. A. A. Epstein, Phil Granovsky, Judy Gwartz, Pearl Langer, Martin Mendelow, Adrienne Offman, Penny Offman, Wilfred Posluns, Jack M. Rose, Jack Rotsztain, Les Scheininger, Rose Wolfe.

TJC announces nominations— annual meeting March 29

TORONTO —

Nominations for officers and executive of Toronto Jewish Congress were announced last week by the chairman of the TJC's nominating committee, Rose Wolfe.

The elections will take place at the sixth annual meeting to be held at Beth Tzedec Synagogue on March 29.

Mrs. Wolfe pointed out that Congress election rules state that no nominations shall be made from the floor during the course of the annual meeting. However, any seven members of TJC can make additional nominations in writing. These are to be delivered no later than one week prior to the meeting to the TJC office, 150 Beverley St., and must be accompanied by the written consent of the nominees.

Guest speaker at the annual meet will be Bertram H. Gold, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee and professional head of its organizational structure.

Gold, Toronto-born and now of New York City, is considered among colleagues to be the foremost Jewish civil servant in North America.

The annual report is another of the items on the agenda.

Mrs. Wolfe's committee lists the following nominations as officers to the Toronto Jewish Congress: for president, Wilfred Posluns; for vice-president: Ronald Appleby, Donald Carr, Mel Finkelstein, Saul Koschitzky, Jack M. Rose, Joseph Salsberg, Lionel Schipper.

For treasurer, Sheldon Sper; assistant treasurer, Madeleine Epstein; secretary, Harry Steiner; assistant secretary, Murray Segal; honorary counsel, J. Sydney Midanik.

Nominated for the executive: Gordon Atlin, Ruth Bass, Annette Bearg, Michael C. Benjamin, Gay Berger, Samuel Bierstone, Judy Feld Carr, Harold Chapman, Sidney Chelsky, Henrietta Chesnie, Jacob Egit, Murray Ehrlick, Robert B. Eisen, Dr. Arnold A. Epstein, Max Federman, Meyer Feldman, Michael Florence, Aaron Frankel, Sheila Freeman.

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Nominations for TJC officers and the executive are for a 1-year term.

Nominations as individual representatives to the Toronto Jewish Congress Council, for a 2-year term to end in 1983: Prof. Arnold Ages, Karl Bald, Sydney Bendahan, Walter Bick, Roberta Bucovetsky, Jack Chisvin, Bill Clairfield, Austin Cooper, Norine Daniels, David L. Dennis, Murray Ehrlick, Dr. Arnold A. Epstein, Michael Florence, Frank Godfrey, Dr. Charles Gold, Edwin A. Goodman, David Greenspan, Michael Harris, Samuel Hoffer, Hy Isenbaum, Paul Kates, Sheldon Kert, Louis Kirshenbaum, Dr. J. Klinghofer, Joseph Kronick.

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The following were elected as representatives to TJC in 1980, for a 2-year term: Morris Adams, Larry Anklewicz, Gordon Atlin, H. Thomas Beck, Sophie Bennett, Samuel Bierstone, Mrs. F. Buchman, Fred Catzman, Harold Chapman, Julius Ciechanowski, Shoshanah Cole, E. M. Creed, Alex Davis, Charles Diamond, Dr. Robert Disenhouse, Sydney Eisen, Dr. Emil L. Fackenheim, Bert Godfrey, Paul Goldstein, Beverly Gordon, Sam Gotfrid, Al Green, Morris Gross, Jack Gwartz, Milton E. Harris, Murray Heifetz, Nathan Hurwich.

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Acker, Molly, on Feb. 11/81 late of 15 Forest St., Guelph.

Doyno, Myron, on Feb. 7/81, late of 11 Sherwood Ave.

Etlin, Henry, on Feb. 10/81, late of 7 Chadwick Ave.

Galin, Alex, on Feb. 5/81, late of 93 Firvalley Ct.

German, Ruth, on Feb. 13/81, late of 94 Acton Ave.

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With a little help from the horoscope, handwriting analysis and intuition, finding the most suitable mate is largely a matter of technique, according to David Gal, director of the Re'im matrimonial service.

One of the oldest and most-well-established of the professional matchmaking services in Israel Re'im (companions), has been serving the public in this way for 8 years, with an average of about seven couples marrying out of its offices every month.

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Does this mean he can find a partner for anybody? Not quite, conceded the handsome, athletic looking Gal. He told the story of a widower with four children who sought a woman without children who would agree to help raise his offspring and not have any more children of her own. "I tried for a month or two to help him," said Gal. "Afterwards, I returned his money because there was nothing I could do in a case like that."

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Yet, the question remains, how can something so spontaneous and unpredictable as romantic love be arranged in the framework of a modern office or through advertisements in the daily paper?

"That's our job," said David Gal enthusiastically. Recently, he recalled, a very tall, handsome young man came to his office. Gal introduced the prospective groom to 15 of the most beautiful possible brides in his reservoir and none of them interested the applicant.

Finally, Gal showed him several photographs of a variety of girls and the young man picked out the shortest and seemingly homeliest of the group, a redheaded girl with glasses, and said "This is the type I'm looking for." Eventually, the tall boy married the short girl with glasses and presumably lived happily ever after.

Only about 20% of the applicants to Re'im do find their mates through the matching services, although many get married by other means, noted Gal. Whether or not the marriages work out in the long run is not part of the statistics. All the service does is to make the marriage possible.

The tradition of shadchanim, Gal noted, was brought by Jews from Europe where the matchmaker went from family to family with a little notebook, matching sons of one family with daughters of another. While modern professionals have taken over this tradition in modern offices furnished with leather upholstery and shag rugs, the older style still endures in the religious neighborhoods of Jerusalem where Madame A. lives, through narrow winding streets of decrepit but quaint stone buildings with clinging vines and little balconies and a synagogue or yeshiva or both on every block.

Up two flights of a scrubbed but indelibly scarred staircase in a hallway which hasn't seen a coat of paint for many years, a woman with a strictly tied kerchief on her head, dress tight at the neck and sleeves down to the wrists, with a pale moon-face and shrewd twinkling eyes invites the guest to enter.

Madam A. works only for Orthodox religious clients seeking to fulfil the holy commandment of marriage and family. It isn't her sole means of support, but she has been actively involved for many years and has considerable resources and contacts at her fingertips. She charges much less for her services than the offices in Tel Aviv: $10 for the "down payment" until one finds a suitable match and, after the marriage, a price to be arranged by agreement, somewhere in the vicinity of $255.

Madame A. works obviously on a much more modest scale than the large modern offices in the centre of Tel Aviv. However, she and others like her probably do account for a large percentage of religious marriages, especially helping people who can't find a partner in any relaxed social gatherings where the sexes may meet, since such events are precluded by a strictly religious lifestyle.

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Some call Brian Wilks, 14, the "Jewish Bobby Orr"

Hockey player already hounded by agents

sports scene

By MURRAY MALKIN

Brian Wicks, budding pro.

The lad is one inch short of being 6 feet tall. He weighs in at 155 lbs., and even though he is only 14-years-old, he is already being hailed as the "Jewish Bobby Orr" in some hockey circles.

Perhaps calling **Brian Wilks** a Jewish Bobby Orr is going a bit to the extreme. After all, Orr was one of the greatest players to ever put on skates, and Wilks is only 14.

But there has to be a reason for the comparison; there has to be a reason for the praise.

When talking to Wilks you find out why all this glory is being heaped on his shoulders at such a tender age. At 14, he is believed to be the youngest player in Ontario's Junior A hockey league since the days of Orr.

So in that sense, the comparison is fair.

"I didn't play that much with them," Wilks says. "I was just invited to the Toronto Marlies training camp, but I didn't really expect to stay up with the team."

Wilks didn't make the big team, but he is playing in the Marlies' minor system on the midget-major team — a team that is made up mainly of 16- and 17-year-olds. Wilks has also played one regular season game with the Marlies and scored a goal for them.

He was also with the team during the exhibition season.

While he was up in "the big leagues" Wilks enjoyed every minute of it. "Junior A is glamourous," he says. "I like their dressing room. Also, we're looked after well and there's a TV in the dressing room. And playing in Maple Leaf Gardens . . . that was great."

Brian has played hockey since he was 6. He's now a forward, but it hasn't always been that way. "When I began to play, I started in goal. But when the other team scored on me from the other end of the ice, I decided to be a forward."

Every team Wilks has played on has been a winning team. He's been on teams that have won the city and on teams that have won the province. And while playing on all of these teams somebody must have noticed him, because Brian is being pestered with phone calls from various agents who would just love to have him in their stable. "It's really too early to decide whether I want to turn pro," he says.

Brian comes across as a quiet, unassuming, lad, who plays the game for fun, but he does admit: "I put a lot of pressure on myself when I play because I want to win." That pressure is increased when one finds out that he already has a shadow when he steps on the ice. But the shadow doesn't bother him. In fact, he says, "it's a compliment."

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The northern branch of the Jewish Community Centre and the Canadian Maccabiah Games Association will be sponsoring a racquetball Purim tournament March 23-March 29). The event is open to all boys and girls and they don't have to be members of the JCC to participate.

According to **Ernie Levy**, who is helping to promote the event, the age breakdowns will be 18 and under, 15 and under, 13 and under and 11 and under.

There is a $10 entry fee.

For further information contact **Peter Sewell** at 636-1880, extension 35.

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The year-end rankings for tennis professionals were recently released and **Harold Solomon** was ranked seventh and **Eliot Teltscher** finished tenth.

Other Jewish pros to make it in the top 100 were **Brian Gottfried** (11th), **Shlomo Glickstein** (57th), and **Peter Rennert** (62nd).

Gottfried was also ranked sixth on the Association of Tennis Professionals' doubles computer ranking.

Solomon, by the way, is president of the ATP.

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It may be a long way off, but the Israel Tennis Centre Classic is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 5 to 11.

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For the third year in a row, **Les Hornfeldt** and **Mark Shoom** squared off for the finals in the JCC Open Racquetball and Squash Tournament.

This time, Hornfeldt was victorious in the racquetball event. In the squash half of the tournament, the winner was **Marty Herson**, who defeated **Marv Lipson**.

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The Canadian Maccabiah Games Association has announced that Foreign Tours will be handling tour arrangements to Israel for the 1981 Maccabiah Games. The team has put together a package that includes flight, hotel and tickets to sporting events and the opening and closing ceremonies.

There is room for 300 on the flight. For more information contact Foreign Tours in Toronto at (416) 224-2080 and in Montreal at (514) 879-1191.

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Avigdor Warsha heads B'nai B'rith world centre

WASHINGTON — The former mayor of Kiryat Ono, Avigdor Warsha, has been appointed director of the new B'nai B'rith World Centre in Jerusalem, Dr. Daniel Thursz, executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith, announced at the recent annual winter meeting here of the Jewish service organization.

The plans for a world centre in Jerusalem was voted last September by the B'nai B'rith convention as a means of establishing a permanent, official B'nai B'rith presence in Israel's capital and now is reaffirmed by the board of governors.

The move was also in response to the pullout of embassies from Jerusalem by nearly a dozen countries under pressure from Arab oil-producing countries and the recent declaration of Moslem nations to proclaim a "jihad" (holy war) against the Jewish state and its capital.

The centre will "concentrate on strengthening ties between Israel and the Diaspora, fostering the unity of world Jewry and providing a forum where concerned B'nai B'rith members and other world opinion-molders in Israel and the Diaspora can discuss and debate issues of importance to Jews," according to B'nai B'rith officials.

It will operate temporarily out of the offices of Jerusalem B'nai B'rith.

Jack J. Spitzer, B'nai B'rith president, said that "1981 is of special significance as the inaugural year of the world centre since the year marks the 100th anniversary of the First Aliya, the movement which began development of a modern independent homeland in Palestine."

Thursz said the centre will be unique in Israel "because it will be nonpartisan and nonpolitical and sponsored by an international organization — B'nai B'rith."

Avigdor Warsha, born in a section of Poland that is now part of the Soviet Union, emigrated to Palestine in 1939. He fought in all of Israel's wars. A graduate of the Tel Aviv School of Law and Economics, he practiced law in Israel until 1960 when he joined the professional staff of B'nai B'rith in Washington.

In 1963 he returned to Israel to serve as B'nai B'rith counsel there and establish a law practice.

He entered the political arena in 1969 when he ran for and was elected mayor of Kiryat Ono on an independent ticket. He was elected to a second 4-year term in 1973.

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